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WAR AND REMEMBRANCE



JOANNA JHANDA/STAFF

GERI BACHMAN, above, enjoys big band music performed at a memorial observance at the Albany Veterans Memorial Hall on Wednesday. The gathering included performances by the Albany Jazz Band and readings by American Legion members. Left, Chaplain Gus Graban remembers the heroes he knew who died in war. Below, Aria Yamada, 4, came to the observance after her ballet recital, and continues to dance to the music at Veterans Hall.



Albany schools eye budget cuts

 By Shirley Dang
STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — Albany school district leaders say they must trim programs, or raise more money, to avoid deficit spending \$125,000 next school year.

The figure makes up a relatively small portion of the district's \$25 million budget for 2005-06.

But the spending estimate does not account for raises that may be bargained for the 2005-06 school year, said assistant superintendent Margaret Romero at a school board meeting Tuesday. The district and teachers union recently reopened negotiations for salary and benefits, said Superintendent William Wong.

In the end, some programs such as noontime activities may go on the chopping block in June, when the school board must approve the budget.

Parents, principals and teachers on the budget advisory committee pleaded with administrators and the school board to spare the \$50,000 program.

At Albany Middle School, the money helps cover activities such as volleyball and pingpong.

Principal Robin Davis argued that lunch-hour athletics don't equate simply to play time. The activities help nurture athletes for the high school teams and keep students, with their rating

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Rule changes planned to add housing

■ Some say proposed incentives will provide a loophole for developers

 By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — A proposed city law designed to increase the number of affordable housing units is raising concerns that it would allow developers to easily bypass height limits.

If approved by the City Council, the affordable housing ordinance would also require developers building more than 10

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MEETING

■ **WHAT:** Planning and zoning commission meeting to discuss an affordable housing law

■ **WHEN:** Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

■ **WHERE:** City Hall, 1000 San Pablo Ave.

■ **DETAILS:** Call 510-528-5760


 MARK DUFRENE/STAFF
RODNEY HIRAM is the publisher of El Cerrito Magazine.

El Cerrito Magazine arrives in mailboxes

■ The first of a hoped-for annual publication touts city businesses and amenities

 By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

Six years ago, when Rodney Hiram moved back into the Richmond Annex home where he grew up, he saw bulldozers knocking down old buildings at El Cerrito Plaza, making way for the new stores that would mark the shopping center's renewal.

Today, with a bustling shopping center, new schools on the way and new families moving in, Hiram senses that El Cerrito is

DETAILS

More information about the Hiram Design Group and the El Cerrito Magazine can be found online at www.ecmagazine.info or www.hiramdesign.com.

undergoing a revitalization. He wanted to take advantage of the renewal while boosting the city's image.

The result, published this month, is the first issue of El Cerrito Magazine, an ad-driven business directory with articles about city projects and events.

Hiram mailed 12,485 copies

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Congresswoman rails against war costs

Barbara Lee says she opposed to spending on defense at the expense of veteran-support programs

 By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — U.S. Rep Barbara Lee reiterated her opposition to the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and accused the Bush administration of shortchanging veterans by \$3 billion in the next federal budget.

Lee made her remarks Saturday at a 90-minute town hall meeting on veterans' issues at the Albany community center.

Lee said the Iraq war has cost the country \$300 billion and she expects a request for more money in the fall.

The country needs to spend billions more to provide medical care and mental health services for veterans, she said.

"Three to 5 billion dollars is nothing," Lee said. "It's a drop in the bucket given corporate giveaways, tax cuts and the war (costs)."

If approved by Congress, the Bush administration's \$2.6 trillion 2005-06 budget will boost spending for national security while scaling back or eliminating hundreds of domestic programs.

Lee said the proposed budget would mean layoffs for about 800 employees who process veterans' medical claims, a move that would increase the wait many veterans already endure, she said. About 106,000 veterans wait six months or more for decisions on their medical claims, she said.

The proposed budget includes \$2.8 billion for new buildings in Iraq and Afghanistan, Lee said, but does nothing to improve the seismic safety of the medical buildings where veterans receive care.

Congressional Democrats have proposed an alternative budget that includes \$2.5 billion more spending for veterans'

health care than the Bush administration, Lee said.

Lee's congressional district stretches from Albany to Castro Valley. She made international headlines after the 2001 terrorist attacks as the lone member of Congress to vote against giving the president the authority to use force in Afghanistan.

Lee's remarks met a warm reception from the 25 or so people who attended the town hall meeting.

In response to questions, Lee said she believed the military would continue its aggressive recruiting, but did not foresee a

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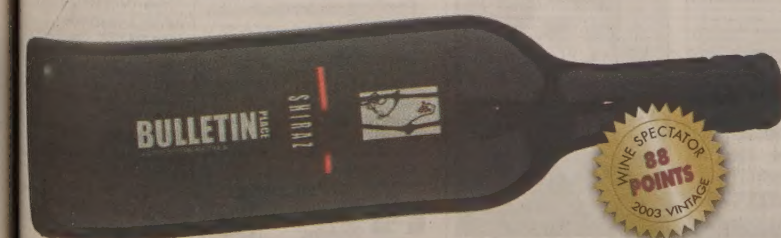
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NEWS BRIEFS

Albany

School psychologists receive pay hike

The Albany school board approved pay raises for school psychologists and administrators Tuesday.

In calculating how much to give, the board brought pay up to the median level for Alameda County workers in those categories. Three school psychologists will receive 6 percent increases retroactive to July 1, 2004. They will also receive an additional 6 percent for the 2005-06 fiscal year, for a total of nearly \$8,000, said Margaret Romero, assistant superintendent for business services.

Eight campus administrators will receive an average increase of 3.84 percent retroactive to July 1, 2004. The raises amount to \$32,300, Romero said. The five-member board approved the administrator raises 3-1. Michael Barnes was absent, and Nadine Ghammache voted against the increases.

The increases do not apply to the superintendent and two assistant superintendents.

— Shirley Dang

Chocolate and Chalk Art Festival on tap

The Solano Avenue Association will hold its annual Chocolate and Chalk Art Festival from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday on Solano Avenue. Draw chalk art on the sidewalks and enjoy chocolate treats, both familiar and unique.

At 4 p.m., the Solano Association will dedicate the Solano Stroll commemorative tile project at Peralta Park in Berkeley. Some 300 people painted the tiles during the 1999 and 2000 strolls, and the Solano Avenue Association installed the tiles at the park in April.

Anyone who helped with the project is invited to the dedication. The park is at Solano Avenue and Peralta Street. For details about the tile project or the chocolate festival, call 510-527-5358.

— Alan Lopez

Albany High musicians will perform

Albany High School's chorale, string orchestra and chamber music club will perform "Gloria" by Antonio Vivaldi on June 5 at 2 p.m. at the school's little theater, 603 Key Route Blvd.

The concert, organized by the school's music directors Beth Snellings and Joan Sextro, will benefit the Albany Music Fund. Admission is \$5. For details call Janice Bettiga at 510-527-2562.

— Alan Lopez

Recreation department plans open house

The recreation department will hold its annual free open house on Wednesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the community center, 1249 Marin Ave. Register for summer classes, meet instructors, listen to music, have a snack and a chance to win raffle prizes of free classes and camps. For details call Barbie Gary at 510-559-7222.

— Alan Lopez

Spring festival offers 'A Taste of Albany'

The Albany Chamber of Commerce will hold its spring festival, "A Taste of Albany — A Small-Town Walkabout" from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. on June 5 on Solano and San Pablo avenues. For details, call 510-525-1771 or visit www.albanychamber.org.

— Alan Lopez

Kol Hadash to hold family picnic, BBQ

Kol Hadash, a Jewish Humanistic congregation, is holding a free family picnic and barbecue on June 18 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Terrace Park. The organization will provide information about its Sunday School and Mitzvah programs. Residents should bring picnic and barbecue items. For details e-mail event@kolhadash.org.

— Alan Lopez

El Cerrito

Developer plans four-story building

El Cerrito-based developer Vital Building has submitted an application to build a four-story building with 31 units of housing and some commercial space on San Pablo Avenue south of Moeser Lane.

The application includes a proposal to build eight one-story units, 18 units with two stories or more, and five lofts. The 41,600-square-foot development would also include 66 parking spaces on the ground floor and 3,340 square feet of commercial space. Vital Building is asking to build 45 units per acre, which exceeds the city's 35-unit-per-acre density limit. The city's planning commission is not yet scheduled to consider the request for the project, dubbed "San Pablo Avenue Condominiums," said Planning Manager Jennifer Carman.

— Alan Lopez

Applications accepted for commission

El Cerrito is inviting residents to submit an application for a position on the city's Human Relations Commission. The term expires Jan. 1, 2007. The commission meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. It initiates education and cultural programs and promotes tolerance and respect. Pick up an application at City Hall, 10890 San Pablo Ave., or call the city clerk at 510-215-4305 for more information. The deadline for completed applications is June 10. The City Council is scheduled to interview applicants on June 20.

— Alan Lopez

Kensington

Community Council offers day camp

The Kensington Community Council is offering a summer day camp for children in first through sixth grades from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., June 13 through Aug. 19. The Monday through Friday camp includes field trips and activities such as hiking, tennis lessons, arts and crafts and chess. The cost is \$185 per week with partial scholarships available. Details: 510-525-0292 or www.aboutkensington.org.

— Alan Lopez

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ALBANY POLICE REPORTS

Tuesday, May 17

■ **BURGLAR CAUGHT** — Officers were called to the administrative offices at Albany City Hall because someone was tampering with the copy machine. They arrested a 42-year-old San Jose man for burglary and transported him to Santa Rita Jail.

■ **BATTERY** — A Berkeley woman reported she had been battered by a 13-year-old handicapped boy while at the Albany Library in the 1200 block of Marin Avenue. Police were unable to locate the boy.

■ **DISORDERLY CONDUCT** — A woman in the 600 block of Jackson Street called police to report that her boyfriend was intoxicated and out of control and would not leave her residence. Officers contacted the 45-year-old Albany man on the sidewalk and arrested him for disorderly conduct. He was cited and released with a notice to appear.

Wednesday, May 18

■ **DRUG CHARGES** — At about 1:30 a.m. officers contacted a 43-year-old Hayward man in an alley in the 900 block of San Pablo Avenue who was acting suspiciously. They arrested him for being under the influence of drugs and released him with a notice to appear.

■ **VANDALISM** — The grounds supervisor at St. Mary's High School in the 1200 block of Albina Street reported that someone broke the gate on the Posen Street side of the school. There were no witnesses.

■ **DISORDERLY CONDUCT** — At about noon officers responded to the BART tracks near Key Route Boulevard and Marin Avenue on reports of a woman lying on the grass near a camper who appeared intoxicated. They arrested a 36-year-old Berkeley woman for disorderly conduct. She was cited and released to the Albany Paramedics for transportation to the

hospital.

Thursday, May 19

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — Someone broke into a white 1993 Honda Accord parked in the 400 block of Evelyn Avenue. There were no witnesses.

■ **STEREO STOLEN** — Someone stole the stereo and a jacket out of a green 1996 Honda Civic parked in the 800 block of Adams Street. There were no witnesses.

Friday, May 20

■ **DUI** — Officers stopped a 24-year-old Oakland woman driving a 2001 Hyundai near Carlson and Fairmont streets in El Cerrito for DUI. She was cited and released with a notice to appear.

■ **COMPUTER STOLEN** — Someone broke into an apartment in the 700 block of Taft Street and stole a computer. There were no witnesses.

■ **DISORDERLY CONDUCT** — At about 11:30 p.m. officers contacted a juvenile in front of Albany High School in the 600 block of Key Route Boulevard for suspicious activity. He was arrested for disorderly conduct, cited and released to his father with a notice to appear.

Saturday, May 21

■ **DRUG POSSESSION** — At about 2 a.m. officers stopped a black 1995 Honda near Gilman Street and San Pablo Avenue for a vehicle code violation. They arrested the driver, a 39-year-old Richmond man, for drug possession. He was cited and released with a notice to appear.

■ **DUI** — Officers arrested a 36-year-old Alameda man driving a green 1998 Ford pickup near Adams Street and Washington Avenue for DUI. He was cited and released with a notice to appear.

■ **MIRROR BROKEN** — During the

night someone broke the driver's side mirror on a gold 2004 Toyota Corolla parked in the 1000 block of Stannage Avenue. There were no witnesses.

■ **NISSAN STOLEN, FOUND** — During the night someone stole a brown Nissan Altima parked in the 1000 block of Key Route Boulevard. It was located later in the morning with damage to the right front fender.

■ **SUSPENDED LICENSE** — At about 10:30 a.m. officers stopped a white 1987 Volvo in the 900 block of Madison Street for a vehicle code violation. They arrested the driver, a 64-year-old Oakland man, for driving with a suspended license and possession of an open container of alcohol or drugs while driving.

■ **BIKE STOLEN** — Someone stole a gray Marin 10-speed bike from a porch in the 1000 block of Ordway Street. There were no witnesses.

■ **DUI ACCIDENT** — At about 8 p.m. officers responded to Key Route Boulevard and Marin Avenue on reports of a vehicle accident that had just occurred. They arrested the driver, a 19-year-old Albany man for DUI and being under 21 driving while intoxicated. He was released on bail.

■ **DOUBLE ARREST** — At about 11 p.m. officers contacted three men outside the Albany Bowl in the 500 block of San Pablo Avenue who appeared to be intoxicated and had possibly been driving. They arrested two 27-year-old Oakland men. One was charged with DUI and delaying or obstructing an officer. The other was charged with disorderly conduct and having outstanding warrants for drug possession and battery. Both were transported to Santa Rita Jail.

Sunday, May 22

■ **TOYOTA VANDALIZED** — During the night someone broke the window of a silver 1995 Toyota Corolla parked in the 1600 block of Sonoma Avenue. There were no witnesses.

■ **MULTIPLE VIOLATIONS** — Offi-

cers stopped a brown Nissan Altima near Solano and Tulare avenues for vehicle code violations. They arrested the driver, a 21-year-old Richmond man, for driving without a license, driving without lights and lying to an officer. He was cited and released with a notice to appear.

Monday, May 23

■ **MULTIPLE CHARGES** — An employee at the Safeway Store in the 1500 block of Solano Avenue reported that a man was in the store who had been caught stealing in the past and had been warned not to return to the store. Officers arrested a 21-year-old San Pablo man for standing warrants from Contra Costa County for two counts of petty theft and a US military warrant for attention. He was taken to Santa Rita Jail.

■ **OUTSTANDING WARRANT** — Officers responded to St. Mary's High School on reports of three people on the steps at the entrance to the gym and refusing to leave. Officers arrested one of the men for outstanding San Francisco warrants for burglary. He was taken to Santa Rita Jail.

Summary

During the week of May 16, officers towed four vehicles, responded to false alarms, attended to one dog, assisted three people loading their car and responded to reports of barking dogs. In the domestic area, officers responded to disturbances and 138 civil assault officers stopped 66 vehicles or persons issuing 25 citations and 41 warrants. Albany firefighter/paramedics responded to one fire call and one medical emergency.

— A.S.

EL CERRITO POLICE REPORTS

Friday, May 6

■ **TWO ARRESTED** — Police arrested a 32-year-old San Francisco woman on suspicion of driving with a suspended license at San Pablo and Knott avenues at 11:50 p.m. Police also arrested the passenger, a 34-year-old San Francisco man, on suspicion of possessing methamphetamine.

Saturday, May 7

■ **DRUG ARRESTS** — Police arrested a 42-year-old Antioch man on suspicion of driving with a suspended license and for being under the influence of a controlled substance at San Diego Street and Yosemite Avenue at 8:20 p.m. Police also arrested the two passengers — a 36-year-old Berkeley woman and a 48-year-old Antioch woman — on suspicion of being under the influence of a controlled substance and for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Monday, May 9

■ **DRUG ARRESTS** — Police arrested a 20-year-old San Pablo man on suspicion of being under the influence of crack cocaine at San Pablo and Conlon avenues at 2 a.m.

Wednesday, May 11

■ **STOLEN VEHICLE ARRESTS** — Police arrested three people on suspicion of possessing a stolen vehicle at Potrero Avenue and South 55th Street at 1 p.m. The driver was a 21-year-old Antioch woman and the two passengers were 19-year-old men from Richmond, police said. The vehicle was reported stolen to BART police on May 3.

■ **THEFT ATTEMPT** — Police arrested two El Sobrante men, 20 and

26 years old, on suspicion of attempting to steal the wheels of a Cadillac Escalade at an auto dealership on the 10100 block of San Pablo Avenue at 3:55 a.m.

Sunday, May 15

■ **VEHICLE BURGLARIZED** — A large number of CDs were taken from the car in the 7400 block of Stockton Avenue between 7 p.m. on May 15 and 7:30 a.m. on May 18.

■ **VEHICLE STOLEN** — A 1997 Honda Civic was taken from the 6400 block of Knott Avenue between 2 p.m. on May 15 and 2 p.m. on May 17.

Tuesday, May 17

■ **RESIDENT ROBBED** — A robber armed with a handgun and possibly wearing a ski mask robbed a man of his wallet in the man's garage in the 6500 block of Barrett Avenue at 9:45 p.m.

■ **VEHICLE BURGLARIZED** — A purse was taken from a 2002 Honda Accord on the 2500 block of Mira Vista Drive between 10 p.m. on May 17 and 6:15 a.m. the next day.

■ **VEHICLE BURGLARIZED** — Electronic items were taken from an early 1990s model Toyota Tercel on the 6800 block of Kenilworth Avenue between 10 p.m. on May 17 and 9:30 a.m. the next day.

■ **VEHICLES STOLEN** — The following vehicles were taken on May 17 or May 18: A 1989 Acura Legend from the 5400 block of Barrett Avenue; a 1994 Honda Accord from the 2500 block of Harris Avenue; a 1995 Dodge Caravan from the 7600 block of Potrero Avenue; and a 1995 Suzuki pickup truck on the 6700 block of Snowdon Avenue.

Wednesday, May 18

■ **PHARMACY ROBBED** — A man ran off with a bottle of prescription drugs after presenting a demand note to a cashier at the Albertsons pharmacy at El Cerrito Plaza at 6:30 p.m. The note said the man had a gun, police said.

■ **VEHICLE BURGLARIZED** — Someone shattered the right rear window of a Honda Civic on the 1300 block of Liberty Street between 9 p.m. on May 18 and 8 a.m. the next day.

■ **TARGET BREAK-IN** — Someone stole an unknown number of DVDs from Target after breaking in through the roof of the store at 12:40 a.m.

Thursday, May 19

■ **VEHICLE STOLEN** — A 1987 Honda Prelude was taken from the 6600 block of Schmidt Lane between 4:30 p.m. on May 19 and 9:30 a.m. the next day.

■ **MAN ROBBED, BEATEN** — Two men took cash from another man at San Pablo Avenue and Cutting Boulevard at 7:50 p.m. They then beat the victim and took additional property after chasing him to the 1700 block of Liberty Street.

■ **MAN ROBBED** — Three young men took a backpack from another man by force at Central and Lexington avenues at 9:45 p.m.

Friday, May 20

■ **VEHICLE STOLEN** — A 1999 Ford van was taken from Potrero Avenue and Liberty Street between 11 a.m.

on May 20 and 5 p.m. on May 21.

■ **VEHICLES STOLEN** — A 2001 Lexus and a 2001 Audi A4 were taken from a duplex on the 2100 block of Pinehurst Way in the afternoon.

Saturday, May 21

■ **ROBBERY ATTEMPT** — A man told police that two men attempted to take his purse at the Chino Road way near Blake Street at 3:50 p.m.

■ **VEHICLE BURGLARIZED** — A jewelry worth \$2,400 was taken from a Jeep Cherokee on the 500 block of Liberty Street between 7 p.m. on May 21 and 9:30 a.m. the next day. In addition, a window was smashed.

■ **BUSINESS BURGLARIZED** — A small safe was taken from a business on the 10700 block of San Pablo Avenue at 1:20 a.m.

■ **VEHICLE STOLEN** — A 1987 Honda Altima was taken from the 300 block of Blake Street between 10 p.m. on May 21 and 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, May 22

■ **VEHICLE STOLEN** — A 1994 Honda Altima was taken from the 300 block of Alameda Street between 10 p.m. on May 22 and 6:30 a.m. the next day.

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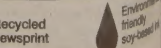
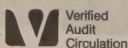
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Yale wins the contest for Berkeley prodigy

TALES ALL OVER the country are giving each other virtual high-fives because their alma mater has landed one of the top high school prospects in the country. Berkeley High senior Lily Martin-Snapp, who turned down full scholarships from Harvard, Brown, Princeton, Amherst and Georgetown. How good is she? Well, the admissions committee ranks applicants on a scale of 1 to 9, 9 being extraordinary, one in a thousand. Lily is a 10.

Since last August, she's been a member of the Berkeley Board of Education, advocating for her fellow students.

"State law forbids us from counting her vote," says board member Nancy Riddle. "But we respect for Lily's judgment, we listen very carefully to everything she says."

Needless to say, she gets terrific grades. And she scored a perfect 800 on the math part of the SAT. But she's much prouder of the 690 she got on the verbal section.

"Considering that I'm dyslexic, I thought it was pretty good," she says.

Yes, dyslexic. She was in special classes until two years ago when her teachers said, "Your grades are too good for special ed. We've got to get her out of the mainstream."

But a learning disability isn't a hurdle she's had to overcome. For most of her life, she's been in and out of foster homes.

"My parents were mentally ill and my mom had a drug problem," she says matter-of-factly.

The county put her in foster care for short periods when she was a little.

Then, when she was 12, they moved her and her brothers out of their family home in Berkeley and placed them in different foster homes.

One brother is in Oakland, another is in Albany, and a third in Pinole.

They all do their best to stay close with each other.

Lily was in a couple of foster homes, but they were in East Oakland, which made the daily commute to Berkeley High difficult.



MARTIN SNAPP
Snapp Shots

in their house, which is within walking distance of the high school. She has her own little section in their refrigerator for her food, which she prepares herself.

She gets \$500 every month from the county, \$350 of which goes to fixed expenses like rent, utilities, library card, cell phone and YMCA card. That leaves \$150 per month for everything else — including food.

"It's no big deal," she says. "I've been taking care of myself since I was a little."

Oh, did I mention that she's also a pretty fair athlete? For the past three years, she's been rated one of the top 10 high school wrestlers in her weight class in the county.

"I'm pretty short and pretty strong, so it's something I can be good at."

Normally, such success might engender jealousy from other kids.

"But Lily is so down-to-earth and unpretentious, the other kids just love her and are happy for her," says school district spokesman Mark Coplan.

So why did she choose Yale? "It turned out to be the opposite of what I'd assumed. I thought it was just a bunch of stuck-up rich kids, but when I visited the campus, I saw a lot of people like me. It's really a lot like Berkeley."

As soon as I learned of her decision, I e-mailed my classmates. (I'm in the class of '67.) And the jubilant replies have been pouring in ever since.

"Welcome to the club, Lily!" said one.

"Tell Lily we are so proud of her!" said another.

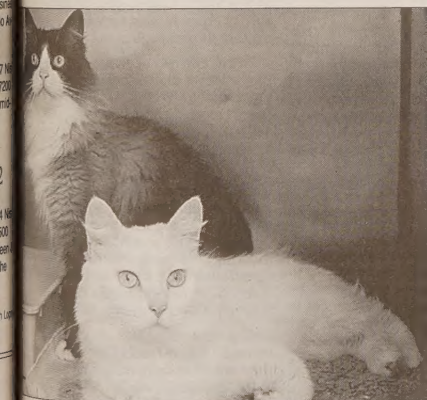
One guy was so overcome, he couldn't find words to express his joy. So he simply wrote, "Boola boola!"

After college, Lily plans to run for governor of California and president of the United States, in that order.

She's got my vote.

Reach Martin Snapp at 510-262-2787 or e-mail msnapp@cc-times.com.

ET OF THE WEEK



DIEGO AND HORCHATA are a bonded pair of 3-year-old males. Diego is a domestic-long-hair with chocolate bi-color markings. Horchata is a domestic-long-hair with white fur and stunning blue eyes. They are a gorgeous pair but have more to offer beyond good looks. Diego is playful and outgoing, while Horchata is the affectionate lap-cat. Horchata appears to rely on Diego to boost his confidence, and together they make a wonderful couple. If you're looking to double up on love, come down to the Berkeley East Bay Humane Society and ask for Diego and Horchata.

These animals may be available for adoption at the Berkeley East Bay Humane Society.

Dogs: 2-year-old female black and white; 1-year-old female black and white; 1-year-old male terrier mix yellow; 2-year-old male terrier mix black; 1-year-old male pitbull mix black; 5-year-old male chihuahua black and white; 2-year-old female poodle mix white.

Cats: 6-year-old female domestic short hair tortoiseshell; 5-year-old female domestic long hair black; 2-year-old female domestic short hair tortie; 6-month-old male domestic short hair black; 1-year-old female domestic short hair calico; 1-year-old male domestic short hair black; 3-year-old male domestic long hair lynx point; 3-year-old female domestic short hair black; 3-year-old female domestic short hair black; 3-year-old female domestic short hair/black; 3-year-old female domestic short hair/scottish fold mix black; 3-year-old female domestic short hair/havana brown chocolate; 7-year-old female domestic short hair brown tabby; 1-year-old female domestic short

hair brown tabby; 1-year-old female domestic short hair black tabby; 3-year-old male domestic long hair/ragdoll mix chocolate and white; 3-year-old male domestic long hair white; 5-year-old female domestic short hair tortie; 1-2-year-old female tortie point siamese; 7-month-old female tortie point siamese; 7-year-old female domestic long hair black and white; 4-year-old female domestic short hair calico; 4-year-old female domestic short hair brown and white tabby; 5-year-old female domestic short hair dilute tortoiseshell; 4-year-old female domestic long hair tortoiseshell.

Adoption fee: dogs \$125; cats \$100; rabbits \$40 — including spaying/neutering and age-appropriate shots. There is an overnight hold period. The Berkeley East Bay Humane Society is located at 2700 Ninth St., Berkeley. Its hours are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. Information: www.berkeleyhumane.org or call 510-845-7735.

FACES & PLACES

Merrill honored for teaching work

Sen. Don Perata, D-Oakland, has named El Cerrito resident **Parker Merrill** teacher of the year for the Ninth Senate District.

Merrill, an Oakland public school teacher since 1971, is co-founder and director of Oakland Technical High School's engineering academy. The academy's project-based curriculum develops students' mastery of complex visualization, design, mathematical, scientific and technical skills.

"Parker's dedication and commitment prepares his students to produce award-winning engineering projects and to continue their educations at four-year colleges and universities," Perata said. "As a former classroom teacher, I admire his devotion and tireless effort."

Merrill was joined by teachers from throughout the state who were honored during ceremonies held on the Senate Floor Monday in the State Capitol. "It is a privilege to be selected as the District 9 Teacher of the Year," said Merrill. "The real reward for me has been seeing my students succeed outside the classroom and in their careers."

To celebrate the opening of the newly renovated Kensington Hilltop School in Kensington, parent volunteers are hosting a "Hilltop Homecoming" event Sept. 24. The community's assistance is requested in locating former teachers so they may be honored at a community celebration from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sept. 24.

Plans for the event include architect-guided tours of the new facility, live jazz music, exhibition of memorabilia, and a cake cutting. Tea and coffee will be served. There will be

Neighbors



LONGTIME TEACHER Parker Merrill, right, an El Cerrito resident, has been recognized by state Sen. Don Perata with a teacher of the year award for Perata's district.

photo opportunities for reunited classmates and teachers, and time to look at the commemorative bricks incorporated into the new campus.

Any teachers willing to attend are encouraged to e-mail HilltopReunion05@aol.com with your name, phone number, address, e-mail address and the decade(s) spent at Kensington. Please indicate whether it is OK for your name to be publicized in local newspapers prior to the event.

Former students are encouraged to RSVP as soon as possible. Phone messages can be left with Esther Hill at 510-524-3713.

AHS wins journalism awards: At an April 18 ceremony in Belmont, 12 Albany High School journalists won 17 awards in this year's Northern California National Federation of Press Women/San Francisco Press Club awards competition, double the number of awards

to AHS students last year. Following is the list of AHS winners. Opinion: first place to **Allison Menzimer** (Allison won \$250 and her story will compete in the national Federation of Press Women competition); Editorial: honorable mention to **Sara Schultz** and **Brendan Irvine-Broque**; Feature: honorable mention to **Justin Huang** and **Brendan Irvine-Broque**; Feature Photo: second place to **Amy Rinaldi** (two awards); Graphics: third place and honorable mention to **Amalia Nelson-Croner** and **Amy Rinaldi**; Reviews: second place to **Joanne Chan** and **Jesse Goldberg** and third place to **Daniel Asarnow**, **Jesse Goldberg**, **Georgia Henley** and **Casey Osborn**, honorable mention to **Annalise Oppelt**; Page Layout and Design: third place to **Brendan Irvine-Broque**.

Were you ever a member of Boy Scout Troop 24? The troop, which draws Scouts

from Berkeley, Albany, El Cerrito, Kensington and Pinole, will celebrate its 85th anniversary June 4 at Camp Herms in El Cerrito. All alumni are invited to attend.

Over the years, about 950 young men have been members of Troop 24, and 185 of them have become Eagle Scouts. That's 20 percent, compared with only 4 percent nationally.

The latest Eagle Scouts, **Patrick Georgi** and **Steven Hendricks**, will receive their Eagle badges at the reunion. Georgi's Eagle project was repairing the Acacia Steps, just off Spruce Street in the Berkeley hills. Steven repaired the Ohlone Trail in the Westbrae district.

For more information about the reunion, call Alan Houser, the Scoutmaster from 1994 to 2004, at 510-524-1239 or e-mail troop24@emf.net.

—Compiled by Craig Lazzaretto, Bob Menzimer and Martin Snapp

Exercises help maintain, build mental awareness

MY LAST column addressed reasons a computer is not as effective for building mental fitness as social interaction, combined with problem solving. Members of the Mind Works program gave several reasons why they attend weekly classes instead of just working at home on the computer.

Today I want to consider individuals who are unable to leave their homes and have nothing for mental stimulation other than the computer, books and television. How might one use available objects to attain the best possible mental results? Consider the four components of superior mental fitness — awareness, communication, curiosity and the willingness to accept mental challenges. How can you help yourself build these components at home, perhaps with the help of your computer?

Awareness is difficult to use on a computer, so what kinds of activities can help you become more aware of your surroundings? How well do you know the things around you? Try this: While in your living room, picture your kitchen counter. In your mind's eye, what do you see there? Name as many items as you can; then go check to see how well you did. While you're in the kitchen, try the same exercise and name as many items as possible on your coffee table. Think of other places in your home, and try to picture them in the same way. If you work at remembering these things, you will develop abilities that will make you more aware in general.

Awareness can also be improved by paying close attention to other aspects of the things you do. For example, when you eat finger foods, use all five senses to observe them most



CONNIE LYNCH
Don't Lose Your Mind

carefully. Don't just taste them, but touch, look carefully, smell and listen to the way they sound when you're eating them. A carrot or celery stick can be quite interesting in all these ways. You're likely to be surprised by how many things you never observed before, when you're simply eating.

Communication is certain to be more difficult when you live alone and cannot leave your home. To me, voice interaction is best for communicating. If possible, invite an understanding friend to visit. Explain your reasons for wanting to have a particular type of conversation involving the "listening game." Start with a simple statement such as "I am going shopping today." Your friend then repeats that exactly and adds her own comment — perhaps "I need to buy some pasta." You then repeat both comments verbatim and add still another. The entire conversation continues for as long as neither of you forgets what has been said. Eventually, of course, someone is sure to forget or get confused. Then start again with a totally new

comment, and carry on as before.

This exercise is very helpful for improving your listening skills. Many people who are alone most of the time forget to listen because they want so much to talk. Remember, listening is undoubtedly the most important part of communication.

To complete the four mental fitness components, you will find it easy to satisfy your curiosity and willingness to accept mental challenges by using your computer. Select your favorite puzzles and search for them under

the term "games for the mind." There seem to be an unlimited number of types and examples.

Enjoy, but be sure not to lose contact with others.

Connie Lynch of Kensington is resident and founder of Mind Works, a mental fitness program for older adults. She has a doctorate in education and is the author of "Don't Lose Your Mind, Four Components of Superior Mental Fitness." Reach her at connieww@aol.com, 510-466-5833 or visit www.blinc.com/mindworks.htm.

Tee off and support AHS sports

Albany High School Baseball Boosters are sponsoring the third annual Cougar Golf Classic, a benefit for the Albany High School baseball program on June 5 at the Franklin Canyon Golf Course.

Play begins at 1:30 p.m. with

a shotgun start.

The cost to players is \$100 (\$90 for players over 65), and includes green fees, cart and lunch. For more information, e-mail Golf4AHSBaseball@aol.com.

—Deborah Byrd

Forum on diversity is Wednesday

A community discussion about diversity will be held Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Albany High School library, 603 Key Route Blvd.

The Albany High School PTA and Embracing Diversity Films is sponsoring the event.

The groups want to encour-

age tolerance and diversity in the community, perhaps through a community proclamation, annual diversity days or a diversity campaign.

For more information, call Sally Douglas Arce at 510-527-1328.

—Alan Lopez

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"... were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate to prefer the latter."

— Thomas Jefferson

EDITORIAL

On the Planet BART

LIFE SURE MUST BE PLEASANT out there on the Planet BART. We speak not of the orb on which Bart Simpson resides, but rather the bizarre parallel universe that the Bay Area Rapid Transit system calls home.

In case you missed it, the Queen of the Road column featured in the Contra Costa Times every Sunday on the commuter page, recently discovered that employees get some pretty interesting perks on the Planet BART.

It seems police officers and BART employees ride this public-supported service for free. OK, maybe this isn't so bad. Police officers who avail themselves of this service are considered on duty when doing so. Thus, the trains are safer. So far, so good.

BART employees also may have earned the right to ride this tax- and fee-supported service to and from work. After all, they sometimes work odd hours and one could argue that by letting them ride free to work they are in a better position to notice any problems in the system or the service. It's a stretch, but in the interest of fair play we would be willing to concede the point.

But on Planet BART, this is where fair play becomes fare play. You see, the freebies do not stop there. No sir.

The free passes for the employees are good anytime on any day, going to work or not. Then, there is the matter of dependents. Yes, dependents. They get free passes as well. Oh yes, we shouldn't forget the retirees. They get them too. Ah, we almost forgot the retirees' dependents get them as well.

See, things are pleasant on Planet BART. So pleasant in fact that the Queen discovered BART has issued nearly 10,000 of these ride-anytime free passes. The officials at BART assured the Queen that such perks for its employees are absolutely necessary for BART to "stay competitive."

That of course gives rise to the question: Competitive with what? Is there some massive recruiting operation we don't know about being conducted by the Chicago Transit Authority designed to swoop in and steal the best and brightest of our highly paid transit workers?

When the Queen questioned BART about these policies, they offered some baffling defenses. First, they said that it wouldn't be right to limit the number of dependents per family because some people might have 10 kids. Uh, yes. We can see the dilemma that might cause. So, how about doing away with it altogether? That would treat everyone equally. Oh yes, and that's competitive with the Chicago Transit Authority.

Then, in one breath BART told the Queen that they did not keep track of the number of trips taken by free-ticket holders and in the next they told her it was "probably way off base" to say that the system was overrun by people riding free.

But if BART doesn't keep track of how many free trips are taken by its nearly 10,000 freebie ticket holders, it obviously has no clue as to how much this is costing the system. But, no worries, because it is a cost that, of course, is picked up by the fare-paying public.

See, we told you life is pleasant on the Planet BART.

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You're going away
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Governor is wasting our money

How can Gov. Schwarzenegger commit \$80 million, and rising, of Californians' tax dollars to an untimely special election when he hasn't yet found the resources to fund schools and universal health care?

Solving California's serious problems requires more negotiation and problem solving and less browbeating and stage fights with nurses, teachers and public safety workers who are on the front lines every day.

Better a governor who spends his fund-raising time and energy with people who value investing in California's children and families.

Imagine a future in which California's businesses and industries have enough technically qualified and healthy workers and the creative leaders among them will develop new industries and solve our big problems.

Imagine a governor who uses his time and connections to address these issues, not to nickeling and diming the state workers' pension fund and calling untimely special elections.

Helen Cagampang
El Cerrito

Waterfront plan should benefit all

In a letter in the Journal, Robert Lieber wrote that he has endorsed only "a park plan," not a development plan, and that he remains open to all ideas on maintaining the current level of income for the city of Albany.

Lieber has endorsed a particular plan: the Sierra Club Plan. This plan has already decided where parkland should be, who or what stands to benefit from the park, where development should be, and how much development is needed by the city of Albany.

The plan proposes an Emeryville-like strip mall near the freeway. Parking, we are told, would be underground — an impossibility on that kind of fill. And Lieber leaves no room for dialogue on how others see the same set of facts. I find it regrettable that council members would endorse a particular plan before the issue comes before them.

By the way, the Albany Waterfront Coalition is for parkland and provides for parkland. The Albany Waterfront Coalition believes the waterfront should be planned for the benefit of all area residents and should be made accessible to persons of differing physical abilities and interests.

The Albany Waterfront Coalition also feels that any development has to be imaginative and innovative to have some chance of success.

Thelma Rubin
Albany

Rubin is a founding member of the Albany Waterfront Coalition.

Resolutions must be reached

Regarding the beating that happened at Hercules Middle and High School, I would like to extend my sympathy to the Rahgozar family for the situation their son Hassen is going through.

I also would like to say that putting the young assailants in jail, without getting to the cause of this assault, and suing the school district is not going to resolve anything.

All parties need to sit down (without lawyers) with psychologists who truly understand the problems of our community. It might also be helpful if a spiritual representative of each family be included in such a meeting, to get to the bottom of why these two young men have such hatred for each other.

No one should assume that one side is innocent. Since parents are not with their children 24/7, we can't know what they say or do all the time.

A lawsuit to gain money over this incident will hurt not only the whole community, but will also show our young people the wrong message. We adults try to teach our children that they must be peaceable and resolve our differences in a manner that is best for everyone. Our actions must not negate that message.

The West Contra Costa school district needs to work on providing a better and safer school environment for our young people.

Also, parents must be accountable for their children's actions. Perhaps a step in the right direction would be mandatory parent/student seminars where all parties can express their concerns and offer resolutions.

Lynda Jackson
El Cerrito

Mail vs. open space

In his May 13 letter, Bob Outis laments the lack of "rational planning processes that could have balanced legitimate but competing interests for the benefit of all" at Albany's waterfront.

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I wonder what he envisions a balanced outcome would look like? A little more track, a little park, a "little" Emeryville style mall? Compromise that combines a little of everything produces results that please no one.

Moreover, wealthy businessmen who stand to profit handsomely from building a temporarily snazzy but soon-outdated development on our shore can gain significant PR advantages over what local residents can afford. Fortunately we have Measure C and organizations such as the Sierra Club to give us some measure of equal footing with and protection against those developers.

Which do we need more in the East Bay: another mall or beautiful waterfront open space? Which do Magna Carta "need" more? Whose interests should prevail?

So-called lawful businesses "rationally" pursuing their best interests by championing a ballot proposition to legalize casino gambling, spending largess to influence local elections in Southern California, and holding back-room meetings to push their development agenda with Berkeley and Albany officials do not demonstrate a rational — or respectful — approach to local planning.

If, as Outis suggests, we have only ourselves to blame for the current situation then we have only ourselves to make a better choice for our waterfront the second time around. Let's hope this time we have the vision to preserve it as a park rather than selling out to another big business interest.

Nan Wiseman
Albany

Thanks to many

The Castro Elementary School community would like to extend our sincere thanks to everyone who has been so supportive in the wake of the April 23 fire that destroyed our library.

We have received donations of books, money and "offers of help." I especially would like to thank El Cerrito High, Pinole Valley High, Dejean Middle School and Fairmont, Kensington, Madara and Lupine Hills schools for their generous donations of money and books.

In addition, we are grateful for the help we have received from businesses and individuals all over the Bay Area and as far away as Minnesota.

We also are thankful for the four computers that Wells Fargo Bank has ordered for us.

Furthermore, numerous children's authors and illustrators from around the country have sent us their books.

We, indeed, are fortunate to live in a generous and caring community.

Principal Galen Murphy
Castro Elementary
El Cerrito

Library doors are open for minorities



JULIE WINKELSTEIN
At the Library

one of the week: minorities must begin to re-examine the changing face of the American population. To accomplish this, we need compassion, tolerance, and understanding that we can build a great country or profession including everyone in the reconstruction process. It is the responsibility of this country."

From "Library Services for Latinos," by Sal Guarena

NT start out wanting to be a librarian. I actually had a childhood thinking I was either a Supreme Justice or a doctor — I guess goes to show my dad did a good job of letting me know women can do the same jobs as men. My interest in staying in the library system, starting with a librarian assistant, finally, a librarian. I can't help wondering if I would have chosen to work earlier if I knew or one of my friends had encouraged me when I came across

some articles about librarian recruitment, I was interested to see what they had to say. First, according to a piece by Chris Newmarker on a site called Phillyburbs.com, by the year 2010 about 45 percent of current librarians will reach retirement age. That leaves a lot of jobs open for up-and-coming librarians, and Newmarker describes the intensive librarian recruitment now going on in New Jersey, with some support money coming from the state.

But another kind of library recruitment that has been in existence for many years is the effort to get more minorities into the profession. In fact, in 2004, the American Library Association (ALA) Office for Diversity received a \$928,142 grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Some of this money will go toward the Spectrum Scholar-

ship, established in 1997 to "address the underrepresentation of critically needed ethnic librarians within the profession while serving as a model for ways to bring attention to larger diversity issues in the future" (ALA Web site).

The Spectrum Scholarship provides one-year scholarships, as well as professional development opportunities, like attending library conferences. The Florida Library Association (FLA) has a minority recruitment committee, as well, and one of its goals is to "increase the awareness of the libraries in Florida of the need to recruit minorities to provide a future pool of information professionals who reflect the cultural, racial and ethnic diversity of Florida" (FLA Web site).

The question some might ask is: Why is this particularly necessary? Can't any good librarian provide library service to any person? What difference should it make how ethnically and culturally diverse librarians are?

The answer to this is similar to the reason affirmative action is a good idea. It's not just about that one person — it is about an ever-growing circle of

people. Having a Latino librarian, for instance, in a small community public library will not just impact the library patrons who go to the reference desk. It will impact the Latino children and young adults who may say to themselves: "I could also be a librarian." It will impact the environment of the library, both for the public and for the staff. It will draw in library patrons who may feel unsure of their welcome because their culture or language is different from the majority of their community. It will tell the community the library is committed to the idea that diversity is good and appropriate and welcomed.

Having a diverse library staff is like dropping a small pebble in a lake and watching the circles of water as they ripple outward. It is a powerful yet subtle act, and a lesson worth remembering for any profession.

Reach librarian Julie Winkelstein at jwinkelstein@acilibrary.org or at the Albany Library, 510-526-3720 ext. 20.

EL CERRITO SCHOOL NOTES

Harding Elementary

TRICYCLES NEEDED: Three to four tricycles are needed for the Harding Olympics on June 3. Good care will be taken of your tricycle, and it will be returned after the event. Call Lisa Harris at 510-612-8926 if you can help.

COFFEE KLATCH: The last coffee klatch of the school year will be held Wednesday. Do you have a school-related or parenting-related issue to discuss? Come by the school office so it can be added to the agenda. The meeting starts at 8:35 a.m., Harding Staff Room.

PTA MEETING: The PTA will vote on a slate of officers and activity/event leaders for the fall 2005/spring 2006 school year at its June 8 meeting. It will also say goodbye and thank the outgoing board and activity/event leaders. The meeting will be at 7 p.m. in the Harding staff room. To learn more about Harding events, go online to www.hardingpta.org.

CONCERT: Fourth- to sixth-grade students will perform a concert, conducted by Ms. Lieberman, today at 1:30 p.m. at the Harding playground.

Portola Elementary School

TUESDAY: Portola Pops Concert, all

concert bands, Gym, 7 p.m.

THURSDAY: Drama Department presents "The Wiz", Portola Little Theater, 7:30 p.m. Tickets available at the door.

FRIDAY: Jazz band tour of selected elementary schools, call time 8 a.m.

JUNE 8: Eighth grade promotion ceremony at 7 p.m.

JUNE 9: The eighth grade party will be from 12 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. in the Portola gym. Lunch will be provided (no backpacks allowed).

El Cerrito High School

GRADUATION: In a break from tradition, El Cerrito High School's grad night will be held this year at the Turf Club at Golden Gate Fields, June 11 from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Held at the school gym for 17 years, the event had to move to accommodate the demolition of the gym in preparation for a new campus, said parent Ellie Mishima. The event, intended to provide a safe and sober graduation night for El Cerrito High School students, will include music, dancing, Karaoke, games, food and more. Admission is \$45.

Source: El Cerrito school e-mail trees

LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Join author William Wong on June 7 at 7 p.m. at the El Cerrito Library for a slide presentation of historical photos from his latest book, "Oakland's Chinatown." The photographs span more than 100 years, encompassing the breadth of Chinese life and experiences in Oakland.

William Wong was born and grew up in Oakland's Chinatown. He has been a journalist for more than 30 years and is the author of two books, "Yellow Journalist: Dispatches from Asian America" and "Oakland's Chinatown."

The library is located at 6510 Stockton Ave. The event is free of charge. For more information, call 510-526-7512.

Come to the El Cerrito Library and learn about the summer reading program, "Dragons, Dreams and Daring Deeds." The program runs June 10-Aug. 20 and offers kids a chance to read books and earn prizes.

"Dragon," a funny puppet show about a dragon with a problem, will be presented at 11 a.m. June 11 by P&T Puppets.

Readers Anonymous, the library's book club, meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. Copies of the current selection are available at the check-out desk.

— Compiled by Craig Lazzaretto and Deborah Byrd

SENIOR CALENDAR

Albany

Albany Senior Center: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, 846 Masonic Ave. Walking group 9 a.m. Mondays. Papier mache, bridge, chess, needlecrafts, world events, literature. 510-524-9122.

El Cerrito


Christ Lutheran Senior Center: 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Mondays, 780 Ashbury Ave. The center will be closed Monday, Memorial Day. 510-524-1050. **St. John's Senior Center:** 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesdays, 6500 Gladys Ave. Birthdays will be celebrated Tuesday, and there will be a sing-along with

Ligia Britto. 510-237-3808.

The Open House: 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Fridays, 6500 Stockton Ave. Social recreation programs; support groups; health insurance counseling; case management. 510-215-4340.

Kensington

Kensington Senior Activity Center: 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursdays at Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. There will be a potluck noon Thursday; bring a dish to serve four to six people or donate \$3. 510-526-9146.



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Albany High School

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ACADEMIC LEAGUE: Both Albany Bay Area Academic League teams had strong seasons. Team A consisted of captain Cary Lin, Wendy Gu, Jenny Liu, Anastassia Fedyk and Emma Barker. Team B consisted of captain Shen Liu, Mohammed Amir Aghaee, Matt Connolly, Samantha Malanche and Andrey Poletaev. Albany B advanced to the league playoffs, where it was eliminated after losing to defending champions Bentley Preparatory School by five points (one question is worth 10 points). The B team has also qualified for a national competition in Orlando, Fla., in June.

SCRIP NEWS: The PTA needs a new eScrip coordinator for the 2005-06 school year. Generally, the job is to promote the eScrip and Schoolpop programs. Contact Norman Rossmann at norm@normski.com or 510-558-0418 for more information.

CHAT GROUP: To participate in the two-way dialogue chat group for AHS, the AHS Community Bulletin Board, send a blank e-mail to ahscommunitybulletinboard-subscribe@yahogroups.com.

Albany Middle School

GRADUATION: June 3: Promotion ceremony tickets will be distributed. Each child will receive four tickets unless more are requested. Tickets will be distributed at the end of the day. Entrance to the ceremony is by ticket only. June 7 — book check. All books must be accounted for in all classes. Missing books and library books must be returned or paid for in order to receive yearbooks, etc. June 8 — locker check. Students must clean up lockers. They may continue to use them, but stickers, old papers, etc. must be removed. Eighth graders may keep the lock when school is done. June 13 — special schedule for the week. Dismissal at 1:50 p.m. (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday). Yearbooks distributed. Yearbooks will be distributed and pan pictures handed out at fifth period. Students must have cleared all bills in order to receive yearbook. June 14 — Promotion exercise practice. Eighth-graders will meet in the gym after lunch and walk up to the Albany High School gym. Dismissal will be at 2 p.m. June 15 — awards ceremony and promotion ceremony. Awards ceremony at 10:15 a.m. in the AMS gym. Eighth-graders will be dismissed to go home at about 11:30 a.m. Eighth-graders line up outside

the AHS gym no later than 4:15 p.m. for graduation. Dress at the promotion ceremony should be cool and comfortable. There will be a dance from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. in the gym for those students who qualify. June 16 — Marine World. Students should arrive at 8:45 a.m. The buses will leave at 9 a.m. sharp. Bus boarding to return at 2:15. Buses leave Marine World at 2:30 p.m. sharp and return to AMS no later than 4 p.m.

AMS CHOIR: The AMS choir performed at the California Music Educators' Choral Festival at Hayward on May 14. The sixth grade choir received a "superior" rating and the seventh/eighth grade choir an "excellent," both very high achievements. The final choir concert will be June 7 at 7 p.m. at the AHS Little Theatre. Choir Director Joan Sextro is retiring this year, so this will be her last AMS choir appearance.

SPRING CONCERT: June 9 is the spring band concert, at 7 p.m. in the gym. On June 13, the eighth grade Jazz Band and Dessert Concert will take place at the AHS Little Theatre.

LIBRARY BOOKS: Three weeks ago Castro Elementary in El Cerrito, lost its entire library collection in a fire. The Leadership students and AMS librarian Stacy Uyeda have planned a book drive to help with the loss of so many books. If you have children's books in good condition and would like to donate them, bring them to the AMS library through today.

Cornell

SILLY OLYMPICS: The Silly Olympics are coming up on June 4 from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Parents are needed for an hour or two to help make this a fun and exciting day for Cornell families. Call Lisa deBoer at 510-558-0369 or Nancy Cosentino at 510-541-8882. The event will feature a silent auction, for which donations are still being solicited. Contact Karen at 415-865-7212 or danielmorm@sbcbglobal.net.

EXAM FORMS: Parents of current kindergartners are reminded that they must submit the physical exam form (CHDP forms) as soon as possible so their children can be placed for next



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Children

Habitat Children's Museum, 2065 Kittredge St., Berkeley, presents Usborne Bilingual Book Fair through **May 28**. — Scholastic Early Childhood Book Fair: **June 1-6**, daily Little Reader Book Fairs: buy new books; proceeds help Habitat give books to low-income families. — Water Safety Day is **June 3**: Barbara Cheatham from Alameda County Health Department provides information on how to keep your child safe in water this summer. — Choke Saving Skills Day is **June 7**. Hashim Anderson, EMT will demonstrate choke saving skills at 11 a.m. — Car Seat Check 10 a.m.-12 p.m. **June 15, July 23**: Berkeley Police Department will check installation on your child's car seat at UC Garage, Addison at Oxford Streets. Details: www.habitat.org or 510-647-1111.

Julia Morgan Center for the Arts presents the film "Freaky Friday" as part of their **Family Film Sunday Series** 11 a.m. **May 29** at 2640 College Ave., Berkeley. Barbara Harris and Jodie Foster star as a mother-daughter duo in Disney's original 1977 version. Tickets: \$5 at door. Details: www.juliamorgan.org.

Black Repertory Group Youth Department's Summer Day Camp is **June 1-August** for this summer's production of "The Wiz" at 6201 Adeline St., Berkeley. Details: 510-662-2120 or www.black-repertorygroup.com.

Park Day School's Kid's Musical Theatre presents "Finding My Own Rock and Roll" 7:30 p.m. **June 1, 2** at Julia Morgan Center for the Arts, 2640 College Ave., Berkeley. Oakland's Park Day School 6th grade students present an original musical drama production with dancing, singing, playing instruments and acting up a storm. Tickets: \$5-\$10; 925-798-1300. Details: www.juliamorgan.org.

Community

North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Ave., Berkeley, presents free special event: "Yiddish Theater Remembered" talk & slide show by Murray Rosenthal 1 p.m. **May 27**. Details: 510-981-5190.

Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center, 1414 Walnut St., Berkeley, presents: "Shavuot: A Meeting Point between Cyclical and Linear Time" 7:30 p.m. **May 31**. Fee: \$5. — "Purim: Our Spoken Treasures" free exhibit through **June 7** in lobby. — Community-Wide Tikkun Leyl Shavuot **June 12-13** 8 p.m.-7 a.m. Learn both

Torah and current events with instructors. Free. Details: 510-848-0237 or www.brjcc.org.

Recreational Equipment, Inc. (REI) 1338 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley, presents: Backpacking 101 is 7 p.m. **May 31**. REI Service Project at Tilden Regional Park 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. **June 4**. — Free Hands-on Bicycle Clinic 10-11:30 a.m. **June 5, 19**. — Trekking California slide presentation 7 p.m. **June 7**. — GPS 101 is 7 p.m. **June 8**. — Hands-on Bike Maintenance Class 8 a.m.-2 p.m. **June 12**. — Great Yosemite Day Hikes & Weekend Backpacking Trips slide presentation 7 p.m. **June 28**. Details: 510-527-4140.

Adopt-a-Carpet One store presents limited-edition Spring Welcome Mats to support the American Cancer Society in their fight against breast cancer through **May** at 1065 Ashby Ave., Berkeley. Four exclusive designs available for \$19.99 each.

American Red Cross's upcoming mobile blood drives in Berkeley: 11 a.m.-5 p.m. **June 1** at Alta Bates Summit Medical Center, Auditorium, 2450 Ashby Ave. — 1-7 p.m. **June 23** at St. Mary Magdalene Church, 2005 Berryman St. Details: www.BeaDonor.com or 1-800-448-3543.

UC Berkeley Extension Open Houses are at San Francisco Downtown Center, Room 811, 425 Market St., San Francisco: Facilities Management is 7-8 p.m. **June 1**; Project Management is 7-8 p.m. **June 2**. Instructors, staff available to answer curriculum questions. Free. Reservations: 510-642-4111.

North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Ave., Berkeley, presents the following free activities: Monthly Birthday Party 1:15 p.m. **June 1** (first Wednesdays monthly). Berkeley Women's Chorus performance and sing-a-long, refreshments. Classical Piano Concert featuring Steve Aronson 1 p.m. **June 7**. — Play Croquet with Anne Schuster 1 p.m. **June 9**. Ice cream sandwiches afterwards. — June is Lesbian and Gay Pride Month at the North Berkeley Senior Center: A video by Johnny Symons: Beauty Before Age "Growing Old in Gay Culture" shows 1 p.m. **June 16**. Also: Discussion with attorney Barbara S. Bryant on legal issues/Gay Marriage Equity. — Singer/activist Ronnie Gilbert performs 1:15 p.m. **June 21**. Refreshments afterwards. 510-981-5190.

William Rivers Pitt speaks on "The Iraq War: Domestic Costs" 7 p.m. **June 3** at Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists, Cedar Street & Bonita Avenue, Berkeley. Admission: \$5-\$15, no one turned away. 510-524-4244.

Longfellow Middle School's first annual Spring Fair is 11 a.m.-3 p.m. **June 4** at 1500 Derby St., in Longfellow playground at Sacramento and Ward Streets, Berkeley. Proceeds benefit Longfellow programs. Community flea market, music, dance, talent show, games and contests for all ages, art activities and art sale, BBQ and Mexican food. Raffle prizes to sponsor Tutors,

Jazz Band and Dance will be awarded. Details: 510-883-5258.

California Writers Club (Berkeley Branch)'s next meetings, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at Barnes & Noble Booksellers, Event Loft, 98 Broadway, Jack London Square, Oakland: **June 4** theme: "Budding Writers Bloom," features three top prizewinners of 19th annual Fifth Grade Writing Contest reading their work. Free. Details: 510-482-0265 or www.berkeleywriterclub.org.

Scopolong Animal Rescue presents the following pet adoption events in Berkeley: Cats available 12-3 p.m. **June 4, 18** at Your Basic Bird, 2940 College Ave. — Dogs available 12-3 p.m. **June 11** at Pet Food Express, 1101 University Ave. Details: 510-267-1915 or www.hopalong.org.

Ecology Center's Berkeley farmers markets are at three locations and times: Tuesday's Market is 2-7 p.m. on Derby Street at Martin Luther King, Jr. Way. — North Shattuck farmers market is 3-7 p.m. Thursdays at Shattuck Avenue at Rose Street. It features all organically grown produce. — Saturday's market is 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Civic Center Park, Center Street & Martin Luther King, Jr. Way. All open year 'round, rain or shine. 510-548-3333 or www.ecologycenter.org. Upcoming events: **June 4**: Family Fun Festival 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Clown show, live music including Asheba at 12:30 p.m., puppet show, girls' drill team, EarthCapades Environmental Vaudeville, Gary Lapow at 2:15 p.m., information & activity booths.

City of Berkeley Creeks Task Force meetings are held 7-9:30 p.m. at North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Ave. Schedule is as follows: **June 6, 20; July 11, 18; Aug. 1, 15; Sept. 12, 19; Oct. 3, 17; Nov. 7, 15; Dec. 5**. www.cl.berkeley.ca.us/planning/landuse/Creeks/default.html.

Sufi Teachings & Zikr is 7-9 p.m. **June 6** at M.T.O. Center, 2855 Telegraph Ave., Suite 101, Berkeley. Sufi Zikrs are song of love combined with specific movements to create a state of remembrance and connection to the source of Life. 510-704-1888.

Trivia Cafe is 7-9 p.m. **June 6** at Ristorante Raphael, 2132 Center St., Berkeley. So just how much do you really know? Find out in a friendly competition hosted by Maven of Minutia Howard Racheison. Come alone or with a team. Cash prizes. \$10 minimum food & beverage, \$3 contest fee. Reservations & details: 510-644-9500.

Author William Wong presents a slide presentation of historical photos from his latest book, "Oakland's Chinatown" 7 p.m. **June 7** at El Cerrito Library, 6510 Stockton Ave., El Cerrito. Photographs span over 100 years, encompassing the breadth of

Chinese life and experiences in Oakland. Free. Details: 510-526-7512.

Tikkun Leyl Shavuot (All Night Study) is 7 p.m. **June 12** at Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center, 1414 Walnut St., Berkeley. Experience the essence of Shavuot, giving of the Torah at Mt. Sinai, in a community-wide, dusk to dawn night of learning with rabbis and scholars, whose backgrounds range from Orthodox to secular. Free. For schedule of teachers and sessions: www.brjcc.org.

Jewish Humanistic congregation Kol Hadash holds a free family and couples Interfaith/Intercultural picnic and BBQ 11:30 A.M.-2:30 p.m. **June 18** at Terrace Park, 1500 block of Terrace Street, Albany. Learn about their Sunday School and Mitzvah programs. Playground area available. Bring picnic and BBQ items. Sodas, paper goods and fired-up BBQs will be provided. RSVP preferred. Event@kolhadash.org.

Exhibits

Kol Hadash (nontheistic, Humanistic) Shabbat with Rabbi Jay Heyman: The Making of a Humanistic Rabbi is 7:30 p.m. **May 27** at Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave., Albany. Please bring finger dessert to share for Oneq, and non-perishable food for the needy. Details: 510-428-1492.

Alvarado Artists Group will exhibit their work during **May, June** at the Giorgi Gallery, 2911 Claremont Ave., Berkeley. Painters Kristen Jensen, Sally Smith, and Ross Carlson, along with Gillian Servalis, photographer and James Servalis, sculptor, will be featured through **May 30**. Works of Barbara K. Werner, ceramist, Marilyn MacGregor, ceramic sculptor, Jil Orcutt, mixed media artist, Carla Dole, book artist, and Joan Mikkelsen, photographer, will be on display **June 1-July 3**. Artists' receptions will be held on **June 9, 11**. 510-848-1228 or www.giorgigallery.com.

"Absolutely Abstract" art exhibit by Zarmine Aghazarian, Peggy Cotton and Andrea Markus shows through **May** at Innersport's gallery, Strawberry Creek Design Center, 1250 Addison St., Suite 102, Berkeley. Details: 510-883-1126 or go to www.innersport.com.

Gallery 940 presents Ruth von Jahne Waters' "Between Dimensions" exhibit through **May 31** at 940 Dwight Way, Berkeley. Details: 650-594-1577.

"Familiar Faces, Distinct Lands", an exhibition of oil paintings by Susan Hall, Mary Jonick and Nika (Monika Henschke), are on display at Addison Street Windows Gallery **June 2-30** at 2018 Addison St., Berkeley. Opening reception 6-8 p.m. **June 8**. Details: ebtz@aol.com or 510-832-5122.

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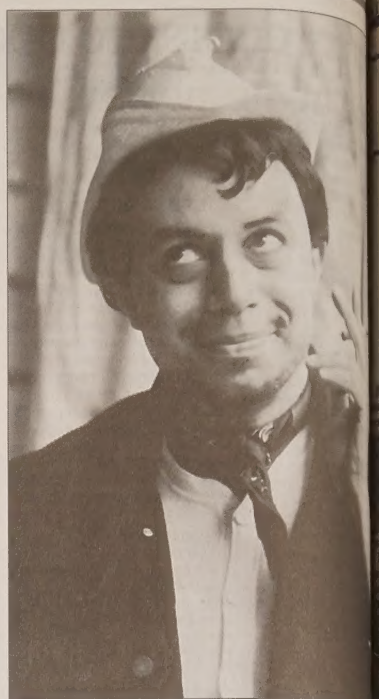
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Obituaries and In Memoriam



Henry Tak Choi Yu

April 15, 1958. Passed away unexpectedly on May 23, 2005. Henry was a loving and devoted husband to his wife, Connie, of 22 years. He was a loving and dedicated father to their three children, Chrystina (11), Michael (10) and Robert (8). For almost 24 years, he created a wonderful life for his family in the San Francisco Bay Area. His family was the sunshine and the happiness of his life. Henry graduated from U.C. Berkeley, Haas School of Business, with a degree in Accounting and Finance. Henry managed the family business, Tin's Market and Tin's Teahouse, before becoming a real estate broker and financial consultant. Henry was an avid cyclist and passionate about the sport. Equally as important were the friendships he developed with his cycling friends. In order to satisfy his passion for cycling, he would often wake up in the wee hours of the morning to start his trek around the Bay Area. Henry was proud of completing the Davis Double Century. He also enjoyed the outdoors, the beach, and sunsets. Henry leaves behind a loving family who will greatly miss him. Henry will be remembered for his warm smile, quick wit, and joyous spirit. He had a kind and generous spirit, always willing to lend a hand. Family and friends are invited to attend the visitation on Friday, May 27, 2005 from 6-8 p.m. and a celebration of his life on Saturday, May 28, 2005 at 9:30 a.m. Both services will be held at Chapel of the Cross, 1499 Piedmont Avenue, Oakland. (510) 654-0123. Please call (510) 654-3390 to confirm times. A donation of flowers, contributions may be made to the college funds of Chrystina, Michael, and Robert Yu c/o N. Ong 766 McKinley Oakland, CA 94610.

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■ **Pro Art's East Bay Open Studios** presents Lisa Yount's open studio displaying her digital fantasy photocollages and handmade jewelry for adults and children 11 a.m.-6 p.m. June 4, 5, 11, 12 at 2631 Mira Vista Drive, El Cerrito.

■ **Turn of the Century Fine Arts** presents "The Work of Jacob Clark" paintings through June 6 at 2510 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. Fridays-Sundays 1-5 p.m. or by appointment. 510-849-0950 or www.turnofthecenturyfinearts.com.

Film/dance/stage

■ **La Pena Cultural Center**, 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, hosts these events: Obalelo, directed by Alexis Zayas Rosabal 8 p.m. May 27. \$15. — Jose Seves, Elizabeth Morris 8 p.m. May 28. \$12. Ro Sham Bo, Irrationals 7:30 p.m. June 2. \$5-\$10. — Afro-Peruvian Music and Dance with Lalo Izquierdo, Rompe y Raja 8:30 p.m. June 3. \$10. — Los Mapaches 8 p.m. June 4. \$4-\$8. — Superfest XXV International Disability Film Festival 1-5 p.m. June 4. \$5-\$20. Screening of winners, reception & award event 6-9 p.m. June 5. 510-845-

5576. — Cafe Poetry 7:30 p.m. Details: 510-849-2568 or go to www.lapena.org.

■ **Aashkenaz Music & Dance Community Center**, 1317 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley, presents: Congolese Soukous Band Afro-Muzika 9:30 p.m. May 27. African dance lesson with Comfort Mensah 9 p.m. \$11-\$13. — Rhythm and blues with Johnny Otis Living Tribute Band 9 p.m. May 28. \$10-\$12. Details: 510-525-5054 or www.Aashkenaz.com.

■ **Impact Theatre** presents new installment of short comic plays "Impact Briefs 7: The How-To Show" 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday, Saturday nights through May 28 at La Val's Subterranean Theatre, 1834 Euclid Ave., Berkeley. Tickets: \$10-\$15. 510-464-4468.

■ **Azahar Dance Foundation** presents "Las Buenas Flamenquitas" 8 p.m. May 28 at Julia Morgan Center for the Arts, 2640 College Ave., Berkeley. Young dancers perform classical flamenco repertoire pieces, accompanied by professional musicians and singers. Tickets: \$17 adult, \$10 children 5-12 yrs.; 925-798-1300. www.juliamorgan.org.

■ **Conscious Cabaret** presents "Shared Skittles" 8 p.m. May 28 at Unity of Berkeley, 2075 Euclid St., Berkeley. Admission: \$15; prepay with credit card: 2 for \$25. 510-528-8844.

■ **Shakti Dance Company** presents Mythli Prakash in solo Bharata Natyam Dance of India 6:30 p.m. May 29 at Julia Morgan Center for the Arts, 2640 College Ave., Berkeley. Mythli Prakash performs "The Dance Eternal," in classical ancient Indian Dance art form.

Bharata Natyam. \$15 advance, \$15-\$20 at door; call 925-798-1300. Details: www.juliamorgan.org.

■ **Berkeley Repertory Theatre** presents "The People's Temple" at 8 p.m. through May 29 at Roda Theatre, 2015 Addison St. Tickets: 510-647-2949 or www.berkeleyrep.org.

■ **Contra Costa Civic Theatre** presents "The People's Temple" at 8 p.m. through May 29 at Roda Theatre, 2015 Addison St. Tickets: 510-647-2949 or www.berkeleyrep.org.

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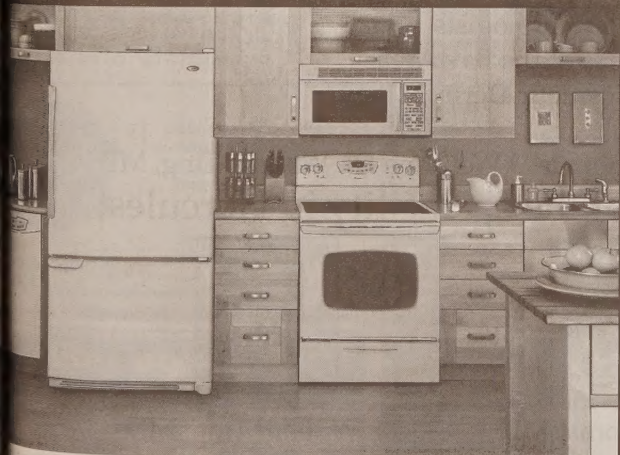
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■ Cal Performances presents second biennial **"Berkeley Edge Fest: A Festival of Contemporary Performance"** 8 p.m. **June 3, 4, 5** at 7:30 p.m. **June 4** at Julia Morgan Center for the Arts, 2640 College Ave., Berkeley. An evening of Zimbabwean dance, music, ceremony and storytelling with Julia Telisi Chigamba and the Chigamba family. Tickets: \$12-\$18; 925-798-1300. Details: www.juliamorgan.org.

■ Creative Work Fund and Oakland Youth Chorus present **"Bembero Mwendu (Telling My Story)"** 7 p.m. **June 4** at Julia Morgan Center for the Arts, 2640 College Ave., Berkeley. An evening of Zimbabwean dance, music, ceremony and storytelling with Julia Telisi Chigamba and the Chigamba family. Tickets: \$12-\$18; 925-798-1300. Details: www.juliamorgan.org.

■ **Actors Reading Writers: Celebrating Writing through Live Readings** presents

"American Folktales," Native American, African American and other folktales from the United States 7:30 p.m. **June 6** at Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley. Free. Details: 510-845-8542.

■ **Gamelan Sekar Jaya Balinese Music & Dance** Workshops are five consecutive Wednesdays 7:30-9 p.m. through **June 8** in El Cerrito Beginning and Intermediate Levels. Fee: \$60 total with pre-registration, or \$15 per session. 510-237-6849 or www.gsj.org.

■ Cal Performances presents Russian dance company the **Elftan Ballet** 8 p.m. **June 9-11**, 2 p.m. **June 11, 3** p.m. **June 12** at UC Berkeley's Zellerbach Hall, Berkeley. Performances include "Anna Karenina," "Don Juan and Moliere." \$30-\$66; 510-642-9988.

■ **Traveling Jewish Theatre** presents "Cherry Docs" 8 p.m. **June 9, 11**; 2 p.m. **June 12** at Julia Morgan Center for the Arts, 2640 College Ave., Berkeley. Tickets: \$23-\$34; 925-798-1300. A hate-crime trial, a white-supremacist Skinhead, an ambitious Jewish lawyer. Directed by Naomi Newman; starring Aaron Davidman and Eric Rhys Miller. Details: www.juliamorgan.org.

■ **Documentary Film Screening/Lecture on the Magul People** is 7 p.m. **June 10** at Pusod, 1808 Fifth St., Berkeley. Descendant of Buayan and Maguin-danao sultanates. Gutierrez Mangansakan II screens his documentary films on histories and lives of Bangsamoro people. Admission: \$10-\$15 sliding scale; no one turned away. 510-883-1808. www.pusod.org.

■ **Living Arts Playback Theatre Ensemble** performs 8 p.m. **June 11** at Live Oak Theater, 1301 Shattuck Ave.,

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■ Cal Performances presents the **Grand Kabuki Theatre of Japan** 8 p.m. **June 17, 18** at UC Berkeley's Zellerbach Hall, Berkeley. Chikamatsu-za troupe performs "Sonezaku Shinju," "Bo-Shibari." \$40-\$125; 510-642-9988.

■ **Subterranean Shakespeare** presents "The Taming of the Shrew" 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays through **June 24** at Berkeley Arts Centre, 1275 Walnut St., Berkeley. Tickets: 510-276-3871.

Learning

■ **St. John's Prime Timers Senior Center**, St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave. Berkeley, offers ongoing classes in exercise, ceramics, copper enameling, weaving, creative writing, and monthly speakers on matters of current interest and travel slide presentations. New members, seniors over 50 welcome. Discount lunches offered. Senior group meets 9:30 a.m. Tuesday mornings, with special events: "Let's Talk" with Helen 11 a.m. **May 31**. Details: 510-845-6830.

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■ **Kensington Introductory Birding** Walk with Robbie Fisher 8-11 a.m. **June**

11 at RabbitEars, 303 Arlington Ave., Kensington. Fee: \$25 includes continental breakfast. Registration: 510-525-6155.

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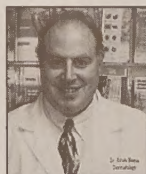
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BART faced with a budget in the red

Fare hikes in 2006
new parking fee
expected to avert
spending plan

Mike Adamick
STAFF WRITER

For the second time in its operating history, BART adopted an unbalanced budget Thursday, despite tack-ling a 10-cent fare hike and extra charges at 10 East Bay stations.

Increases are designed to offset a \$53 million deficit for the prospect of new contract negotiations with labor unions.

Passengers appear unmoved, expressing anger at the charges and arguing that they need to work harder to get to work on time. "This is outrageous," said Michael, a resident of the East Bay who rides BART to the West Oakland station to connect with San Ramon. "Ten dollars seems like a lot, but it's a small price to pay for a quick ride for people who use it several times a day."

West Creek resident Philip says a parking charge at West Creek, Lafayette and other stations will make him consider using BART to commute to San Francisco for work. "Because it's cheaper than parking in San Francisco, but I'll have to do what I can to get to work on time," he said.

West Hill resident Jeff Hill said he could swallow a fare hike, but the parking fee because it unfairly hurts riders who don't have access to stations.

He said he would walk to the station and take a bus, Clay-land, but it's slow, infre-quent and expensive. "Representatives from the East Bay communities need recent support for this as a way to ease the burden. In the past, the support came from urban areas where stations have no parking," he said.

Like this one bit, be-coming charges unfairly people who have no way to access the system," said West Hill resident Joel Hill.

The system that carries heavy riders is facing a budget crisis, and a parking fee would be one way to cre-ate revenue.

West Hill plans to adopt an unbalanced budget Thursday that would allow the system to winnow the budget by \$30 million by en-tering freeze, cutting 115

NEW COSTS

BART's 2005-06 budget includes new parking charges at 10 East Bay stations and a 10-cent fare surcharge on every ride.

PARKING

\$1 per day would be charged at the Walnut Creek, Orinda, Lafayette, Dublin-Pleasanton, Rockridge, MacArthur, Lake Merritt, North Berkeley and Ashby stations.

\$5 per day would be charged at the West Oakland station.

FARES

A 10-cent fare hike would take effect in January, at the same time a previously approved 3.7 percent fare hike goes into effect.

positions and forcing employees to pay more for medical benefits.

To cut the deficit further, the board will consider parking and fare hikes as a way to come up with \$6.5 million next year.

Parking would cost \$1 at nine stations and \$5 at the West Oakland station beginning in January. The 10-cent hike would also take effect in January, at the same time a previously approved 3.7 percent increase goes into effect.

Combined, the two proposals would leave BART with a \$23.5 million budget hole it hopes to fill by cutting employee benefits and changing some work rules.

"I don't think you can go further in employee layoffs because we have to protect the service," Keller said. "I think it's time to make some difficult choices."

Labor concessions won't come without a fight, however. Making employees pick up more health benefits and changing work duties have already led to union protests.

Labor leaders argue that BART can do more to trim administrative fat and stop a dependence on expensive consultant services. Cutting more employees also raises safety issues on trains and stations, union leaders said.

A final budget would be adopted after contracts are settled this summer, meaning the deficit could grow or shrink depending on the terms.

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SHERRY LAVARS/STAFF

Day at the lanes

DELORES BIBB of Albany and **Janette Holman** of Oakland root on their friends, above, while bowling during senior day May 12 at Albany Bowl. Below, Chiko Fujinada of Albany watches for her ball to come up the return chute during a frame.



West County schools seeking public input on strategic plan

By Shirley Dang
TIMES STAFF WRITER

In an effort to recalibrate the district compass, West Contra Costa school leaders are calling on the community to help create a new strategic plan.

Five years ago, educators fought to move past the 1991 bankruptcy that hovered over every discussion and focus on student achievement instead. Since then, the 33,000-student district has steadily increased its overall academic scores. However, they still fall below the state's benchmark for excellence.

The next step: bringing the public into the fold.

"If we want to move to the next level, we need to go out to our community and get them engaged," said Superintendent Gloria Johnson.

Part of the plan involves a change in who will help design the strategic plan. Last time, a group of 20 or so people guided the process, said school board President Glen Price.

This time, the district assembled nearly 40 people from the business community, charitable foundations and surrounding

cities as a core team, with the idea that stakeholders such as parents and teachers will be an important component of the goals that emerge.

"We're talking about a really major cultural shift," said Price. Collaboration has not historically been the district's strong suit, he said.

As a result, the public feels that the district, rather than the public as a whole, is solely responsible for the education of children, Price said. However, all sides must come together to create great schools, he said.

"It's not someone else's responsibility to make sure our schools succeed. We're all accountable."

The forums, which begin Wednesday, will be a place where stakeholders can say what they'd like to see from their schools.

And though some may feel cynical about how and if the district will change, cynicism won't make the schools safer or higher-achieving, said Tom Waller, a member of the Richmond Chamber of Commerce's education committee and part of the strategic planning team.

IF YOU GO

Two remaining community forums on the West Contra Costa school district strategic plan will be held at 7 p.m. June 2 at two schools:

■ Hercules Middle/High School, 1900 Refugio Valley Road, Hercules

■ Kennedy High School, 4300 Cutting Blvd., Richmond

He hopes stakeholders will seize the opportunity to shape a new future for the district.

"It's an invitation," Waller said. "That's the part that's important."

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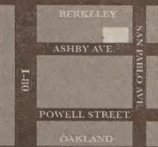
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Day on the green — Albany style

CON ALMA, a vocal jazz group, performs under the sun at Memorial Park during the Albany Spring Arts and Music Festival on Sunday. The free inaugural event included live music, local art and an outdoor screening of the classic movie "Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory."

Budget

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adolescent hormones and exceeding curiosity, out of trouble, she said.

"It's a critical piece for safety," Davis said.

Several parents and staff also asked for more teachers to accommodate a growing Albany High School enrollment.

Albany High Principal Ron Rosenbaum said the school is expected to reach 1,219 students next fall, nearly 50 more than this year.

"This is a huge increase in students, and no more teachers. I just don't understand that," said parent Sue Mellers.

Parent Craig Thompson said the board needs to add at least one more teacher at the high school to keep a promise made to parents: that each student should be allowed to take a full six classes.

In the past, students could be assigned to be teachers' aides or put into other service classes if courses filled up, he said Thursday.

"If you've got this many bodies and you've committed to six periods, you need to hire enough teachers," Thompson said.

Wong reminded the committee that making additions with ongoing costs not only affect next school year, but years to come — especially in the case of teachers.

Reserves may be healthy now, but that could ultimately be eaten away, he said.

"It's going to come to a head," Wong said.

Albany High teacher David DeHart suggested a parcel tax to raise money for additional programs or staff.

In the short term, he asked that any spare change remain untouched in case of a true emergency.

"If you've got a 2 percent reserve, hang onto it," DeHart said. "I'm tired of adding stuff then cutting it."

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Housing

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units of housing to set aside 15 percent of those units for households with low or very low incomes.

Developers could opt out of building the units and instead pay the city a fee that's potentially equal to 15 percent of the project's value.

The Albany planning and zoning commission will meet to help craft the new law at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday at the City Hall, 1000 San Pablo Ave.

The ordinance is a response to a state requirement that cities plan housing for households of low and very low incomes, said Janet Houston, the director of communications for the California Department of Housing and Community Development.

"They need to make a good faith effort to try to get it built," Houston said.

In Alameda County, a family of four earning \$66,250 a year is considered low income. The county would consider the household very low income if it earned \$41,400 a year.

The city needs to plan for 75 units of low and very low income housing units, said Ann Chaney, Albany's community development director.

The city's effort to meet those housing goals includes new zoning standards giving developers greater allowable density in exchange for building housing for senior citizens or residents with low, very low or moderate incomes.

Chaney and resident Clay Lar-

son said they believed the density bonus incentive would have little effect in Albany because the city's allowable density is already so high — up to 63 units per acre, Chaney said.

However, Larson and planning and zoning chair Evan Flavell worry that other incentives for affordable housing would allow developers to easily get around city building standards.

The fear is based on what they say is vague language in the proposed law. The potential incentives include "reduction of any architectural design requirements that exceed minimum building standards established by local or state building standard codes."

Last year residents helped the city craft new building regulations along San Pablo Avenue and its side streets, including a reduction of height limits to 37 feet.

The new ordinance could potentially roll back those regulations, said Larson, an Adams Street resident.

"It could essentially create a huge loophole," he said.

But not everyone agrees. At a recent meeting, planning commissioners reportedly split on whether the new ordinance would allow developers to bypass the city's height limits.

"We'd like to come up with some kind of concessions to encourage developers to build low and very low income housing units," said Flavell. "But we haven't come up with any good ones yet."

Chaney said the question has yet to be decided by the planning and zoning commission.

"There's been no decision," she said. "We're not sure how they want to handle it at this point."

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Magazine

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of El Cerrito Magazine to every home and post office box in the city. It features articles about the Ohlone Greenway, Fairmount Avenue upgrades, the city's general plan, plans for the Cerrito Theater, the El Cerrito High School archiving project, and letters from West County School District Superintendent Gloria Johnston and El Cerrito Mayor Sandi Potter.

"I think it's a really nice way to reach out and let the public know what we're doing and what's going on in El Cerrito and the surrounding area," Potter said.

Advertisements from local businesses, BART and AC Transit maps, coupons and a five-page city business directory round out the premiere edition.

Hiram shopped around the idea for the magazine and after getting a favorable response, he said, moved forward on it last year.

He spent much of his time selling ads for the magazine, which he intends to publish annually. He also shot the photographs and designed the layout. Organizations such as the El Cerrito Historical Society provided articles, such as one about an airplane landing strip that existed south of Harding Elementary School in the early part of last century.

"I wanted there to be content," Hiram said. "That when people read it, there were good articles, there was substance there."

Like much of what Hiram does for a living, the magazine combined his two passions — sales and graphic design.

Hiram learned both skills while attending the Academy of Art University in San Francisco in the early 1990s.

Though surrounded by top-notch student graphic designers, few could match his ability to sell his designs, he said.

"My design work was good," said Hiram, a 37-year-old with a quick smile and a voice that would not sound out of place on National Public Radio. "But I could get up and sell the teacher and the whole class whatever I put up on that board."

After graduation, he learned other skills, such as Web design and designing outdoor signs, at various firms around the East

Bay and San Francisco that experience with his own business, the Group, in 1999.

People can see around town. He has bees with the "Hill" logo; "Go Madera" hands for Madera High School; and the 100-year centennial logo.

Hiram, who named small business 2004 by the Richmond County of Commerce, said he works locally and in the cities of both the Bay Area and the East Bay.

And though he and his family June 1, the Group will continue through e-mail and a local business association.

And so will El Cerrito Magazine. Many businesses refused to buy ads for the magazine, he said. He expected they had never before. He expected now that he's competing with the magazine.

"Everything about Hiram, it's going to be a success."

Reach Alan Lopez at 510-243-3578 or alopez1@ccetimes.com.

Lee

FROM PAGE A1

draft because of little public or political support.

She also expressed concern about the possible loss of a medical center for veterans in Livermore.

The United States Department of Veterans Affairs is considering moving the outpatient services to another location.

In Oakland, the Department of Veterans Affairs is considering consolidating an outpatient clinic on Martin Luther King Jr. Way with a substance abuse and mental health clinic at the former Oakland Army base and bringing them both to Alameda or another location in Oakland. The lease for the clinic on Martin Luther King Jr. Way expires in October 2007.



CONGRESSWOMAN BARBARA LEE talks with a veteran about the state of veterans' benefits and how the war in Iraq affects the nation during her legislative update Saturday in Alameda.

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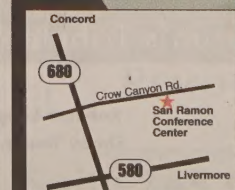
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on couches, spanning clean
the multi-layered duvet, com-
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(but nothing else) on a
week granite counter. All of
inviting, particularly be-

cause so much is missing. There is
no TV in sight, no toaster or
crumbs, no stacks of anything.
There isn't much furniture either.

I get sucked in all the time. I look
at these houses and embrace them.
I want where I live to look like them,
which it doesn't. If I had nothing but
money, I'd buy one of the fantasy
houses and move in. When it got
tatty, I'd do it again.

But not all buyers are the same
and that's the part I think I haven't
said before. Clients of ours have
told us that staged houses put them
off. "Too yuppy," said one, and an-
other told us, "I guess that's the
kind of house everyone wants but
it isn't for me."

I think these buyers don't trust
these houses to be true. They see
the fantasy and it makes them un-
comfortable. Now isn't that inter-
esting?

One young woman client has
said about several houses we took
her to, "I'd like to have had this one
before they did anything." This hap-
pened enough that we finally

caught on. We rejected houses we
might have shown her because they
looked too good and began to con-
centrate instead on needy houses
that she finds more to her liking.

I think what she finds satisfying
is akin to pawing through piles of
clothes at a secondhand store or
searching a back corner of an an-
tique shop: she is hoping, perhaps
expecting, to find a treasure missed
by others and feel rich for it.

There are also people who go
out of their way to find and buy ma-
jor fixers. We've certainly pointed
out to these people on occasion

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Happy 100th birthday, C.A.R.

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Real Estate Spotlight:

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ARCHITECT WILLIAM EDWARD SCHIRMER designed this Mediterranean-style villa was built for Harvey and Maud Sorenson in 1929 on what was formerly a part of the historic Roselawn estate.

Oakland's Ivanhoe Road estate a rare find

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A magnificent multi-parcel estate lies tucked away at 5809 Ivanhoe Rd. in Rockridge, one of Oakland's most popular neighborhoods.

In 1928 noted architect W.E. Schirmer designed this architecturally significant Mediterranean villa with four bedrooms in the main house, each with its own bathroom en suite.

A charming guest/au pair apartment with a bedroom, bathroom, kitchen and living room sits atop the three-car garage. The spectacular near level grounds including expansive lawns, mature trees and landscaping, a tennis court, meditation pond and creek are secluded behind a tall privacy hedge and wrought-iron security gates.

Guests enter through the beautiful front garden. The grand front door opens to a foyer with French doors that give access to an inviting loggia with Corinthian columns, tiled fountain and a view of the picturesque rose-covered gazebo and back lawn.

The exquisite living room has an intricately carved fireplace, French doors to accommodate indoor-outdoor living and entertaining. The home's splendid billiard room/library boasts a handsome

fireplace. This room has been converted to a luxurious family room with a state-of-the-art home theatre. The elegant wood paneled formal dining room has a decorative box beam ceiling and overlooks the backyard.

The remodeled gourmet kitchen has slab granite counters, custom cabinets, a six-burner Viking Professional range with double ovens, a Sub-Zero refrigerator, a decorative wrought iron pot rack and an island with breakfast bar. The kitchen opens to the original breakfast room with Gothic style arched windows and a view of the front garden.

The lovely master bedroom suite has a separate dressing room, an updated bathroom with the original decorative tile and has direct access to a cheerful sunroom that overlooks the back garden and is currently used as a nursery.

Historically significant

This incredible villa was built for Harvey and Maud Sorenson in 1929 on what was formerly a part of the historic Roselawn estate, which was owned by Oakland pioneer Charles Butters from 1903 until 1927. The architect, William Edward Schirmer (1891-1957) was one of Oakland's leading ar-

chitects. In partnership with Arthur Bugbee (Schirmer & Bugbee), Schirmer designed the former Newberry building at 1921 Broadway in 1923. He also designed many historical homes, parochial schools and churches. He was one of a group of architects who designed the Alameda County Courthouse.

The signature Schirmer "S" is found in the wrought iron banister that adorns the home's staircase. In May 1962 the Sorenson estate was the Decorator's Showcase "D'cours d'Elegance" home for a philanthropic event.

Soon after this, the estate was sold to the second owners, Frank and Adelaide Kovacs. Frank Kovacs, Ernie Kovacs's cousin, was a tennis pro. Adelaide — whose professional name was Judy Davis — was a voice coach to the stars. Her students included Frank Sinatra, Judy Garland, Mary Martin, Barbara Streisand, Jerry Garcia, Eddie Money and Grace Slick, to name a few.

When Judy Davis died in 2001, the Ivanhoe Road estate was sold to the current owners who masterfully renovated the property to provide modern amenities while preserving its architectural integrity.

California median home price breaks \$500,000 level

■ Home sales up 2.7 percent

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The median price of an existing home in California in April increased 12.5 percent and sales increased 2.7 percent compared with the same period a year ago, according to the California Association of Realtors (C.A.R.).

"The median price of a home in California topped a half-million dollars for the first time in April, re-

flecting the continuing demand for housing and the ongoing supply shortage," said C.A.R. President Jim Hamilton.

"Home prices increased by double-digits in nearly every region of the state, rising 37.9 percent in the more affordable High Desert region, which includes the Antelope Valley, Barstow, and Victor Valley areas."

Closed escrow sales of existing, single-family detached homes in California totaled 658,060 in April at a seasonally adjusted annualized

rate, according to data collected by C.A.R. from its local Realtor associations. The statewide home sales rate increased 2.7 percent to 640,710 sales pace in April 2004.

The statewide sales rate represents what the total homes sold during the year if sales maintained the pace throughout the year.

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Real Estate Focus:

A 1937 rebuilt beauty in Albany



ONE WOULD HARDLY BELIEVE this 1937 sweet one bedroom bungalow at 625 Talbot Ave., thanks to Levitch Design & Architects, has emerged as a three-plus-bedroom home with two offices. The chef's gourmet kitchen with all spanking brand-new Amana appliances is adjacent office with cable and DSL ready.

The master bedroom has a lookout balcony with hill views. This total renovation was completed. Everything is beautifully brand new from the foundation to the second story roof. Levitch has made certain that the designer finishes, the landscaping, the retrofit, the drainage system, grades and paver driveway are in marvelous new condition. To keep the integrity of this wonderfully "old bungalow", the unusual matchstick oak flooring remains in the living room to remind past days gone by.

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VITAL STATISTICS

What: A William Schirmer designed Mediterranean-style home at 5809 Ivanhoe Rd. in Oakland

Features: The home features beautiful hardwood floors; elegant wrought-iron banister, a wrought iron balconette, intricately carved window adornments and impressive crown moldings. The finished basement has a home office, a half bath, large laundry room that doubles as a craft center, enormous storage room and home gym. Price: \$3.7 million.

Agent: Coldwell Banker's Dian Hymer, 510-339-4777 or dian@ dianhymer.com.

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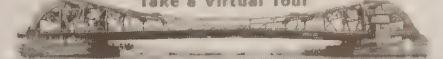
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Breathtaking Backyard

Fabulous five bedroom home in Dublin Ranch. Decorator perfect inside and out with the most amazing backyard including terrace, patio with trellis, grassy areas and waterfall over slab granite. This perfect home won't last long.

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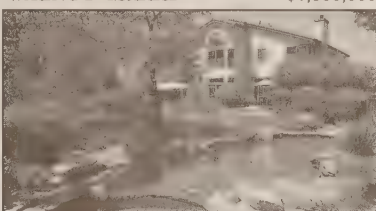


Gardener's Paradise

Fall in love with this charming lodge-style home located in the desirable Glenview district. Features include: sunny atrium, family room, decks with tree views, hot tub, garden and greenhouse. Great opportunity to own.

WALNUT CREEK

\$1,850,000



You Can Have It All

This fabulous south Walnut Creek property is a perfect combination of a beautiful, functional house and spectacular grounds. 4 bedrooms plus large bonus room. Pool/spa/waterfall, sport court, lawns, colorful gardens.

OAKLAND

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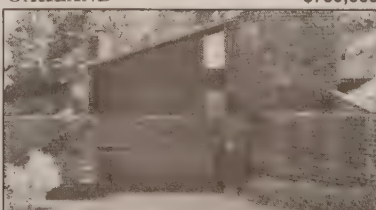


Casual California Living

Wonderful Montclair-Piedmont Pines area with amazing city views. Charming updated 4bd/4ba home, appealing family room, large workshop, beautiful garden and panoramic San Francisco views from two decks.

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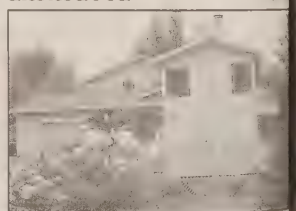


Close To Village

This 'Sea Ranch' contemporary offers a level out yard off the FR, newer gas kitchen, formal DR, breakfast room, office, hardwood, FP, privacy and a view of Marin. Open and sunny 3bd/2.5ba near Montclair Village.

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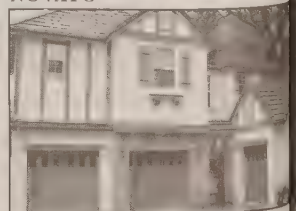


Outstanding Lafayette Home

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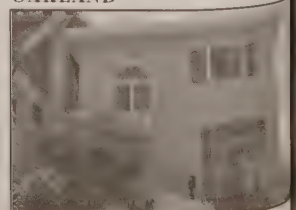


New Listing

Elegant 2-story well-maintained 4bd/3ba peaceful wooded creek side setting, kitchen, MBD with private retreat and FP, tub, formal DR, surround sound theater room, 3 car garage and 3 fireplaces.

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 account for seasonal factors that influence home sales.
 The median price of an existing, detached home in California during April 2005 was \$452,680, a 12.5 percent increase from the \$402,330 reported in April 2004. C.A.R. reported. The 2005 median price increased 12.5 percent compared with March's \$406,550 median price.
 Year-to-date sales are up 5.1 percent compared to a year ago." C.A.R. Vice President and Chief Economist Leslie Appleton-Young, "Through interest rates remain near historic lows, consumers are increasingly concerned about the impact rising rates will have on their ability to purchase a home."

Highlights
 C.A.R.'s Unsold Inventory Index for existing, single-family detached homes in April 2005 was 3.3 months, compared with 1.3 months

GREATEST PRICE INCREASES
 68.8 percent
 47.7 percent
 63 percent
 58.7 percent
 57.5 percent
 53.3 percent
 51.6 percent
 50.9 percent
 49.1 percent
 45.8 percent
 (compared to April 2004)

for the same period a year
 The index indicates the number of months needed to deplete supply of homes on the market at the current sales rate.

Thirty-year fixed mortgage interest rates averaged 5.86 percent in April 2005, compared with 5.91 percent in April 2004, according to Freddie Mac. Adjustable mortgage interest rates averaged 4.91 percent in April 2005 compared with 3.65 percent in April

The median number of days to sell a single-family home was 23 days in April 2005, compared with 23 days (revised) for the period a year ago.

Regional sales data are not adjusted to account for seasonal factors that influence home sales. C.A.R. median price and sales for detached homes are generated from a survey of more than 100,000 real estate transactions through the MLS median price and

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sales data for condominiums are based on a survey of more than 60 associations. The median price for both detached homes and condominiums represents closed escrow sales.
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 Large changes in local median home prices typically indicate both

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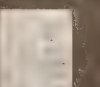
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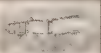


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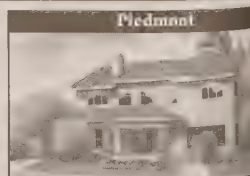
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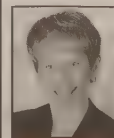
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- COMMERCIAL VICTORIAN** \$1,000,000
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- MIX USE COMMERCIAL** \$825,000
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Sales

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555 25th St - \$435,000
655 33rd St - \$535,000
550 37th St - \$451,000
983 37th St - \$416,000
928 Amador St - \$489,000
5904 Amend Rd - \$681,000
2610 Andrade Av - \$455,000
1617 Bissell Av - \$275,000
1200 Brickyard 103 - \$450,000
3403 Clearfield Av - \$550,000

1201 Club Dr - \$530,000
4041 Coleman Cr - \$669,000
5481 Deer Run Dr - \$610,000
3414 Florida Av - \$405,000
2863 Garvin Av - \$439,000
2820 Grant Av - \$516,000
3139 Groom Dr - \$465,000
5400 Hackney Ln - \$696,000
346 Hawk Ridge - \$817,000
6470 Hazel Av - \$600,000
2934 Maricopa Av - \$405,000
6192 McBryde Av - \$530,000
809 Meadow View - \$844,000
1532 N. Chanslor - \$143,000

3919 Ohio Av - \$359,000
4101 Ohio Av - \$410,000
3512 Park Ridge - \$835,000
1147 Queensland - \$580,000
1151 Queensland - \$580,000
1326 Santa Clara - \$477,500
200 Seaciff Wy - \$899,500
691 Sonoma St - \$710,000
415 S. 16th St A - \$670,000
410 S. 17th St - \$440,000
224 S. 3rd St - \$278,000

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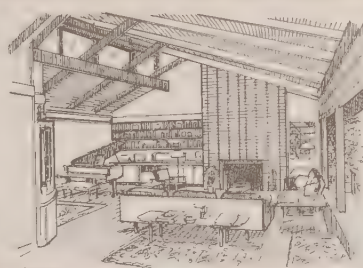
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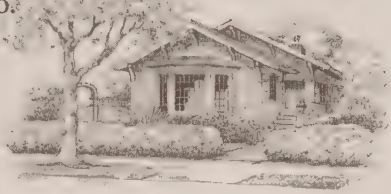
1457 140th Av - \$514,000
 1252 145th Av - \$525,000
 1226 147th Av - \$550,000
 1642 151st Av - \$510,000
 1380 Ardmore Dr - \$725,000
 2520 Benedict Dr - \$652,000
 1656 Boxwood Av - \$586,000
 15596 Budge St - \$802,000
 230 California Av - \$533,000
 15361 Churchill St - \$219,500
 719 Crocus Dr - \$640,000

14670 Darius Wy - \$390,000
 3626 Del Monte Wy - \$457,000
 15354 Dewey St - \$550,000
 14027 Doolittle Dr - \$410,000
 794 Dowling Bl - \$437,000
 14101 E. 14th 201 - \$329,000
 14101 E. 14th 302 - \$253,500
 2272 Estabrook Cr - \$505,000
 2122 Fairbanks St - \$533,000
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 1643 Grand Av - \$610,000

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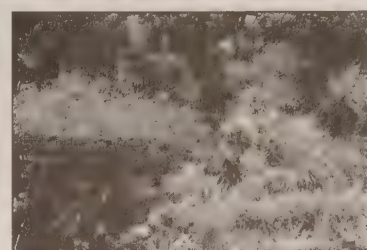
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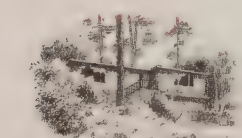


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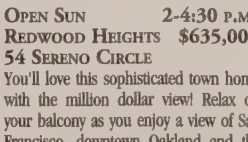
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15593 Harbor - \$740,000

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- 2278 Marina Bl - \$460,000
- 2519 Marina Bl - \$450,000
- 2225 Mariner Wy - \$726,000
- 2312 Pacific View - \$790,000
- 1940 Placer Dr - \$555,000
- 14956 Portofino - \$621,000
- 18715 Rolando - \$475,000
- 659 Superior Av - \$500,000
- 2435 W. Av 135th - \$850,000
- 2276 Wimbledon Pl - \$500,000

- SAN LORENZO**
- 532 Crespi Pl - \$580,000
 - 15572 Ronconi Dr - \$665,000
 - 18149 Via Owen - \$545,000

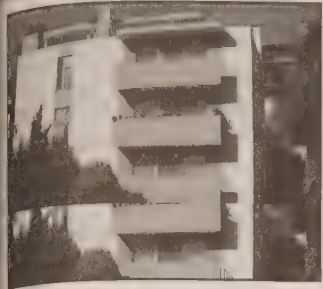
By the numbers

ALAMEDA

TOTAL SALES: 12
LOWEST PRICE: \$375,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,500,000

MEDIAN PRICE: \$730,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$724,833
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JUST LISTED



Open Sat. & Sun., 2-4:30
280 Park View Terrace #400



Fabulous, very spacious penthouse unit. Two plus bedrooms, two and a half baths, large living room with fireplace, family room with wet bar. Office has a closet and could be used as a third bedroom. Large deck that affords a fantastic city view. New carpet, paint, and kitchen floor. Smaller building only 11 units, all owner occupied. Walk to the lake. Very special property!

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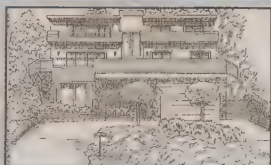
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FEATURED HOMES



Gated Masterpiece \$3,950,000
Opulent! 11,000 sq. ft., 5 bridge views, 6+ BR, 6+ BA, home theater & gym. Judith Glass/Sheila Sabina (510) 428-0900



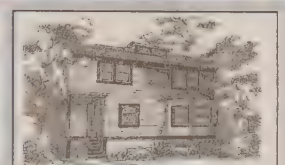
Sunday 2-4:30PM \$2,250,000
1395 Grizzly Peak, Berkeley, 4 BR, 2.5 BA indoor pool & hot tub. Panoramic views. Henriette Lanier-Green (510) 834-2010



North Berkeley \$945,000
10 BR house, former nursing home. Convenient to UC, Gourmet Ghetto & transportation. Jurgen Aust (510) 540-5481



Sunday 2-5PM \$878,000
1645 Julian Dr., El Cerrito. Spacious view home 4 BR, 3 BA, large kitchen, family rm, hot tub. N. Taussig/N. Cuttler (510) 845-0211



Sunday 2-5PM \$699,000
2306 Parker, Berkeley, 3 BR, 3 BA lovely home, great location, also open Sat. Chris Nedderson (510) 868-1400

PEDMONT

Piedmont Tradition \$1,395,000
Charming 4 BR, 2.5 BA English traditional in wonderful location. George Millrons (510) 339-9290

OAKLAND

Sunday 2-4 \$680,000
3825 Spruce St. 3 BD, 2BA Craftsman, hwt, view-rich. Nice! Suzanne Wong (510) 834-2010

Sunday 2-4:30 \$670,000
1005 Moraga Ave. Montclair stylish contemporary. 3 BR, 2 1/2 BA. Mary Ottmer (510) 428-0900

Sunday 2-5 \$669,000
1905 2nd Dr. 3+ BR, 1+ BA. Montclair hideaway. Updates, peak-a-boo vu. Wow! Peter Samone (510) 428-0900

Sunday \$649,000
1801 Tonderell St. 4 BD, 2 BA w/ views. Photos. www.santilena.com John Santilena (510) 428-0900

Sunday 1-5 \$625,000
6400 Sun. Spacious 3 BR, 2 BA in tranquil setting. Eric Johnson (510) 339-9290

Sunday 2-4:30 \$599,000
280 Parkview Terrace #400. Super penthouse, spacious 2 BR, den, living room, family room, city view from deck. Judith Glass/Sheila Sabina (510) 428-0900

Sunday 2-5 \$599,000
2800 E. 38th. 3 BR, 3 BA Newer smart loft w/ 4 parking, patio/deck. Kashiwa (510) 868-1400

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Sunday 2-4:30 \$570,000
565 Bellevue #2203. Price reduced! Tasteful upgrades. 1 BR, 2 BA condo. John Wesley Realtor.com (510) 339-9290

Sunday 2-5 \$499,000
672 32nd St. 3 BD, 1.25 BA, w/skylight, over 1300 sq. ft., 2 frplcs, hwd flr. Desray R. McFall (510) 909-6871

Sunday 2-5 \$479,000
8100 Greenly. Charming 2 BD, 1 BA in sylvan setting. Kathrina Verzosa (510) 834-2010

BERKELEY

Claremont Court! \$2,100,000
Classic, elegant Claremont Estate. Rose garden, cottage 4+ BR, 4+ Bath. Julie Lehman and Jay Lean (510) 986-9556

Sunday 2-4:30 \$929,000
450 Boynton. Pano Bay view. 4 BR, 3 BA in great Berkeley location! David Otero.com (510) 339-9290

50's Heartbreaker \$799,000
3 BD, 2 BA Craftsman w/ views, formal DR, hrdwd flrs, basement. SF and Mt. Tam. Full of light. Unusual! Candice (510) 868-1400

N. Berkeley Views! \$799,000
3 BD, 2 BA Craftsman w/ views, formal DR, hrdwd flrs, basement. Candice (510) 868-1400

Sunday 2-4:30 \$795,000
2591 Hilgard. 1st Open! Sophisticated 4BR, 2.5 BA condo w/ views, gardens, near U.C. Judith Glass/Sheila Sabina (510) 428-0900

Sunday 2-5 \$705,000
1840-44 62nd St. Golden duplex. Charming, big yard, details, 2+ BR, 1 BA. Wendy T. Louie (510) 868-1400

ALBANY

Sunday 2-5 \$449,000
545 Pierce #2109. 2 BD, 2 BA condo. Excellent condition, great amenities. Ana Malja Middleton (510) 868-1400



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CASTRO VALLEY

Sunday 1-5 \$349,000
19100 Crest Ave. #48. 2 BR, upper panoramic views. Arthur White (510) 868-1400

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Sunday 1-4 \$1,900,000
1 Camino Del Cielo, Orinda. Views, privacy, new construction. Roberta Ousterman (510) 428-0900

Sunday 1-4 \$789,000
473 Mount St., Richmond. 3 BR, 2 BA, possible in-law. Ad #1465. (510) 232-7253

Sunday 1-5 \$599,000
2658 Longview Dr., Richmond. New roof, large tile, new carpet. (510) 834-2010

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Sunday 1-4 \$499,000
2937 18th St., San Pablo. 2 yrs. old, over 1700 sq. ft., 2 BA + study area, dining rm. Lily. Ad #1479. (510) 758-5637

RESIDENTIAL INCOME

Sunday 2-5 \$1,200,000
1100 Norwood, Oakland. Old world charm! 1920's Tudor duplex, 2BA, 1 BA. Robert Nongauza/Dolores Thom (510) 834-2010

Duplex On 2 Lots \$640,000
Richmond Annex. Call 510-260-6622. (510) 527-9800

Free Home

Hillside Paradise \$3,800,000
Stunning executive 5 BR, 3 1/2 BA estate designed to showcase San Francisco, Golden Gate and panoramic Bay views. Gene Boomer (510) 339-9290

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Sophisticated 3 BR, 3 1/2 BA, Mediterranean w/elegant master suite. Heidi Marchesotti (510) 339-9290

COMMERCIAL INVESTMENT

Artist Whse Space \$1,895,000
In emergent Fruitvale area & w/in close prox to Glasscock lofts, estuary, waterfront, BART & shopping. Eric N. Silverman (510) 428-0900

Sashimi Boat Restaurant \$160,000
Price reduce, Berkeley downtown, long lease, good business. Michael Wong (510) 527-9800

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Dev. Opportunity \$950,000
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Sales

FROM PAGE B3

ALBANY

TOTAL SALES: 6
 LOWEST PRICE: \$325,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,100,000
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$925,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$821,833

BERKELEY

TOTAL SALES: 11
 LOWEST PRICE: \$350,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$655,000
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$655,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$732,773

BRIDGEVIEW

TOTAL SALES: 3
 LOWEST PRICE: \$550,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$830,000
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$586,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$655,333

EL SOBRANTE

TOTAL SALES: 5
 LOWEST PRICE: \$250,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$685,000
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$420,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$452,700

EMERYVILLE

TOTAL SALES: 6
 LOWEST PRICE: \$322,500
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$790,000
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$590,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$523,000

KINGSTON

TOTAL SALES: 2
 LOWEST PRICE: \$450,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$681,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$565,500

OAKLAND

TOTAL SALES: 117
 LOWEST PRICE: \$210,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$2,200,000
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$485,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$603,226

PIEDMONT

TOTAL SALES: 5
 LOWEST PRICE: \$773,500
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$4,300,000
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$1,270,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$1,801,700

RICHMOND

TOTAL SALES: 45
 LOWEST PRICE: \$143,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$930,000
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$516,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$550,733

SAN LEANDRO

TOTAL SALES: 35

LOWEST PRICE: \$219,500
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$850,000
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$533,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$544,229

SAN LORENZO

TOTAL SALES: 3
 LOWEST PRICE: \$545,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$665,000
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$580,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$596,667

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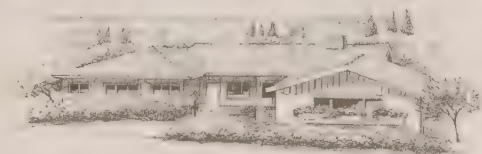
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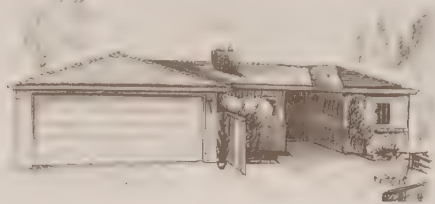
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PIEDMONT

OPEN SUNDAY, MAY 29, 2-4:30PM



7 Tyson Circle, Piedmont
Offered at \$1,395,000

Secluded, serene setting. 5BR/4BA (2 master suites). Spacious living and dining rooms open to deck and canyon view. Remodeled kitchen with granite counters and state-of-the-art appliances. 2-car attached garage. Plenty of storage. Large landscaped yard with patio.



Lorri Arazi
510.338.1330

NEW EMERYVILLE LISTING

OPEN SUNDAY, MAY 29, 2-4:30PM



1046 45th Street, Emeryville
Offered at \$499,000

Neo-classical Row House in trendy Emeryville! Vintage light fixtures and refinished hardwood floors. Sunny living/dining room with built-ins, two bedrooms, one and one quarter baths, spacious country kitchen, sunroom, full basement, deck, great yard!

OH, TO LIVE NEAR PIEDMONT AVENUE!

SALE PENDING



4223 Howe Street, Oakland
Offered at \$575,000

Classic storybook home tucked away in a hidden garden, flowers over the trellis, screen door opening to light-filled rooms, hardwood floors, country kitchen, and upstairs two very charming bedrooms with a bath between. All in a great location!



Ann Nichols
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ELEGANT CROCKER HIGHLANDS TRADITIONAL



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Relax or entertain in style in this lovingly maintained, 1924-built beauty on magical Hubert Road. The light-filled sunroom extends the formal living room space and opens, through French doors, to an expansive deck. Upstairs are three bedrooms and two baths, including a romantic master suite with fireplace and adjacent sitting room or office. A real jewel!

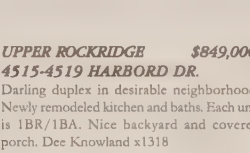
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UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$849,000
4515-4519 HARBOR DR.
Darling duplex in desirable neighborhood. Newly remodeled kitchen and baths. Each unit is 1BR/1BA. Nice backyard and covered porch. Dee Knowland x1318



OAKMORE \$995,000
2440 LEIMERT BLVD.
1930's 5+BR/3BA Grand Traditional. Richly detailed living room w/vaulted ceilings & built-ins. Library, 4 fireplaces, remodeled kitchen, huge family room. Bob Nelson x1345



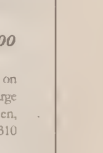
SAN LEANDRO \$739,000
2768 DARIUS WY. (Open 1-4)
New Listing! Classic ranch-style home w/3BR, 2 remodeled baths, formal dining room, kitchen/family room combo. Open floor plan, hardwood floors, garden & patio. Candy Benny x1328



OAKLAND HILLS \$559,000
52 HERITAGE
Price Reduced! Lovely 3BR/2.5BA townhouse on tranquil cul-de-sac. Living room w/fireplace. Large dining area, crown molding, updated kitchen, patio & deck, 2-car garage. Robyn Mohr x1310



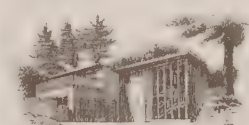
REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$699,000
4406 HARBOR VIEW AVE. (Open 2-5)
Wonderful & light 2BR/2BA bungalow with SF & Bay views. Hardwood & Saltillo tile floors, formal dining room & deck off eat-in kitchen. Jennie A. Flanagan x1354



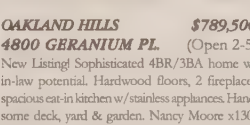
EMERYVILLE \$499,000
1046 45th ST.
New Listing! Neo-classical Row House in trendy Emeryville! Vintage light fixtures & hwd flrs. Sunny living/dining room w/built-ins, 2BR/1.25BA, country kitchen, sunroom, deck, yard. Lorri Arazi x1330



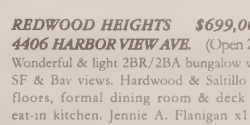
PIEDMONT \$1,395,000
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Secluded serene setting. 5BR/4BA (2 master suites). Spacious living & dining rooms open to deck & canyon views. Remodeled kitchen, family room, large deck, landscaped yard. Rosalie Woods x1324



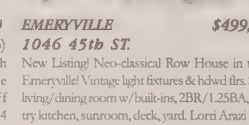
MONTCLAIR \$879,000
6055 JOHNSTON DR.
Enjoy hill views from this secluded cul-de-sac setting on the desirable Piedmont side of Montclair. 3+ bedrooms, 3 baths, kitchen/family room and rumpus with fireplace. Fritz Hochfeller x1348



KENSINGTON \$775,000
1519 VALLEY RD.
Unique & charming 4 bedroom, 2 bath home. Detached office, family room, hardwood floors. Gorgeous gardens & deck. Close to Solano Avenue. Bonnie Hirsch x1337

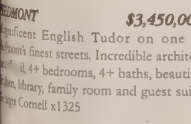


REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$649,000
3536 VICTOR AVE. (Open 2-5)
Charming & unique single level Cape Cod style 3BR/2BA home. Beautifully remodeled kitchen. South Bay view from living room. Secluded patio. Diane E. McCan x1352

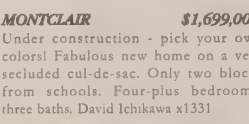


ADAMS POINT \$299,000
330 PARK VIEW TERR. #109
New Listing! Stylish & spacious 1 bedroom, 1 bath condo with hardwood floors, dining area, fireplace, lots of storage and nice patio. Vicki Woodhead x1334

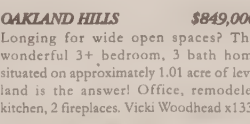
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MONTCLAIR \$3,450,000
Magnificent English Tudor on one of the city's finest streets. Incredible architectural details, 4+ bedrooms, 4+ baths, beautiful kitchen, library, family room and guest suite. George Cornell x1325



OAKLAND HILLS \$849,000
Longing for wide open spaces? This wonderful 3+ bedroom, 3 bath home situated on approximately 1.01 acre of level land is the answer! Office, remodeled kitchen, 2 fireplaces. Vicki Woodhead x1334



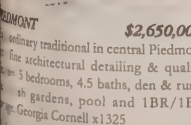
SEQUOYAH HEIGHTS \$559,000
Lovely three bedroom, two and one half bath townhouse with outstanding outdoor living on cul-de-sac. Beautifully remodeled kitchen, family room, living room with fireplace, huge patio. Robyn Mohr x1310



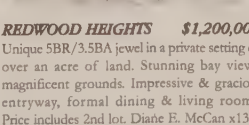
EL CERRITO \$545,000
Three bedroom, one bath home set in a garden oasis. Hardwood floors, approximately 1223 square feet. Conveniently located near BART, shops, schools & parks. Jack McPhail x1336



MONTCLAIR LOT \$249,000
Great development potential. Very buildable with moderate grade on north side of parcel. Soils report available upon request. Peaceful vistas across Shepherd Canyon. Approximately 6,648 square feet. David Ichikawa x1331



PIEDMONT \$2,650,000
An extraordinary traditional in central Piedmont. Fine architectural detailing & quality craftsmanship. 5 bedrooms, 4.5 baths, den & rumpus, gardens, pool and 1BR/1BA. George Cornell x1325



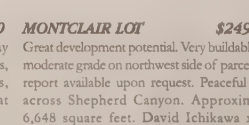
REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$1,200,000
Unique 5BR/3.5BA jewel in a private setting on over an acre of land. Stunning bay views, magnificent grounds. Impressive & gracious entryway, formal dining & living rooms. Price includes 2nd lot. Diane E. McCan x1352



MONTCLAIR \$819,000
Charming four bedroom, two bath traditional. Lush secluded garden setting. Spacious living room with fireplace, updated kitchen. Pretty architectural details. Leslie Avant x1341



PIEDMONT AVENUE \$575,000
Classic 1916 storybook home tucked away in a hidden garden. Flowers over the trellis, light-filled rooms, hardwood floors, country kitchen. 2 bedrooms, 1 bath. Great location. Joan Dark x1316



MONTCLAIR \$779,000
Stylish contemporary with San Francisco and Bay views. Kitchen/family room opens to sun room, decks and patio. Three bedrooms, two and one half baths. Approximately 2466 sq. ft. Teri Carlisle x1305



PIEDMONT HILLS \$2,650,000
An appointment only: Frank Lloyd Wright inspired contemporary with panoramic views on exquisite secluded acreage of nearly 1.5 acres. SeeMore at pacunion.com. Gini Erck x1339



PIEDMONT PINES \$949,000
Classic 1948 Streamlined Moderne home. 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, formal dining room, rear sundeck & filtered bay view. 2-car garage, large downstairs bonus room. Kathleen Callahan x1343



REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$639,000
Charming two bedroom home on cul-de-sac. Sun-filled living room with beamed ceilings, hardwood floors and fireplace. Plus room, sun room & level rear yard. Diane E. McCan x1352



EMERYVILLE \$550,000
Fabulous craftsman duplex in trendy Emeryville! Front: 1BR/1BA w/vintage fireplace, built-ins, dining room. Back: Studio w/plus room, updated kitchen. Yard, basement. Lorri Arazi x1330



CROCKER HIGHLANDS price upon request
Lovingly maintained 3+BR/2.5BA traditional built in 1924. Light-filled sun room extends the formal living room space. French doors to an expansive deck. Master suite with fireplace & sitting room or office. Ann Nichols x1319



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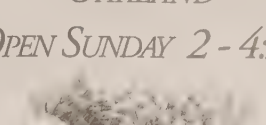
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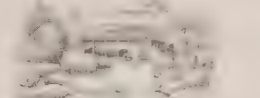
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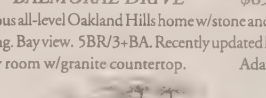


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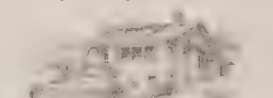


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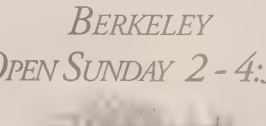
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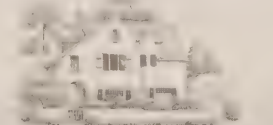
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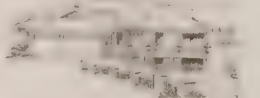
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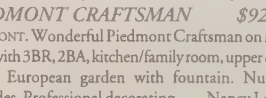
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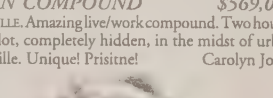
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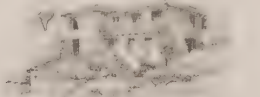
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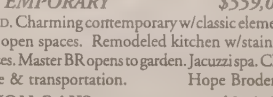
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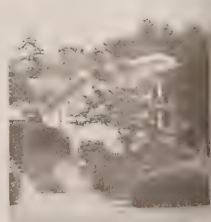
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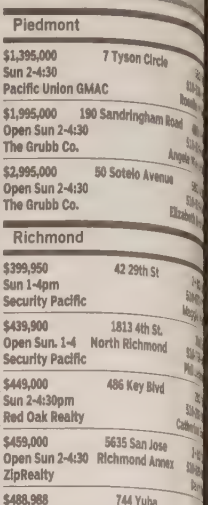


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With record breaking sales prices in nearly all price categories in the Bay Area, it is important for homeowners to talk with a licensed REALTOR® regarding the true market value of their home. Many homeowners often believe an appraisal from a lender is the same thing. And for many who have re-financed in the last few years, they may mistakenly believe their house is worth much less than it actually is. It is the rare occasion when a property appraisal equals the market value. Here's why.

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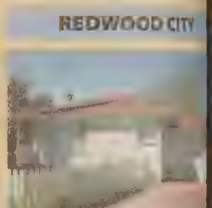
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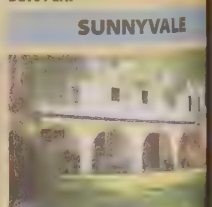
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Berkeley's Durant dominant against Gauchos

■ Senior strikes out seven and allows only two hits in six innings as the Yellow Jackets clinch ACCAL title

By Robert Jordan
STAFF WRITER

For 18 days, all Berkeley High School pitcher Mike Durant could think about was his pending rematch with El Cerrito.

Friday, Durant got his chance. The 6-foot-5, 245-pound senior allowed no runs on two hits with seven strikeouts in six innings of work to help the host Yellow Jackets shut out the Gauchos 5-0 at San Pablo Park.

The win not only gave Berkeley (16-7-1, 12-2 Alameda Con-

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tra Costa Athletic League) its second straight ACCAL baseball title, but it also marked the first time in three meetings that the Yellow Jackets topped El Cerrito (19-5, 10-4) this season.

"I wanted this game real bad," said Durant, whose team lost to the Gauchos 5-0 on March 31 and 3-1 on May 2. "I have been thinking about this game since we lost to them (on May 2). They beat us twice with the same pitcher, so it was a must-win game."

And Durant treated it as such, retiring the first eight Gauchos he faced. El Cerrito's David Lock

got the first of two Gauchos hits with a single to right in the third inning.

"(Mike) told me when he looked at the schedule and saw this game that this would probably decide it and that he wanted the ball," Berkeley coach Curtis Sandeford said. "He is a senior and this was his last game at San Pablo Park, so we let him have it."

El Cerrito ace Mario Hollands, who suffered his first loss of the season, was just as impressive through the first three innings, retiring the first nine Yellow Jackets he faced.

But Berkeley broke through in the fourth, capitalizing on three El Cerrito errors and two walks.

Brian Guinn Jr. led off the fourth by battling for a seven-pitch walk.

"I thought it was close," said Hollands about the 3-2 pitch to Guinn that led to the walk. "I wanted the call pretty bad, but it just didn't go my way."

Berkeley took advantage with the next two batters reaching base on errors, and Guinn scoring on a bad throw from first to home.

The Yellow Jackets added four more runs in the inning, keyed by Grant Long's two-run single to right field.

"We are a good defensive team and we pitch well," El Cerrito coach Brian Nichols said. "That was just uncharacteristic of this ballclub in a game, let

alone a 10-minute sequence."

The Gauchos, who were shut out for the first time this season, finished with four errors.

The Fresno State-bound Durant also went 2-for-3 with an RBI.

Albany 4, St. Mary's 3: The Cougars scored the winning run in the bottom of the sixth inning after the Panthers had rallied to tie in the top of the inning on Friday.

Fred Atkins hit a two-run home run in the fourth inning for Albany. He was 2-for-2 with two runs scored and two RBIs. Teammate Graeme Agate was 2-for-3 with an RBI. St. Mary's scored all its runs on solo home runs by

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ALBANY-BERKELEY GIRLS SOFTBALL LEAGUE

RESULTS OF MAY 22

Micro division

Andronico's Blue Jays vs. Autumn Press Stars: Lia Simpson was the defensive standout for the Blue Jays; she made several excellent stops. Blue Jays Jordan Hanson, Jazmyn Nevarez and Hana Minsky each got solid hits. The Stars had a big day offensively, with all of their players hitting the ball well. Star Bonnie Coulman bashed one into the outfield. Alana Dancel-Lamipa and Molly Scheinman also had good hits for the Stars.

Jane Hammond Green Gators vs. Autumn Press Stars: Gator Talia Rogers fielded a first-base throw from Mia Rabin. Rabin made several good throws at shortstop. Gator Erin Cain made an out on third. Stars Sydney Hersh, Georgia Seltzer, and Eva Finley all had solid singles.

Andronico BlueJays vs. Hammond Events Green Gators: The Blue Jays' batting skills were awesome. All of the girls hit the ball with great strength. In the outfield, Maria Barkhurst threw the ball directly to Lindsey Wiser, who got rid of it nice and fast. At second base, Raleigh Williams got the ball and threw it to catcher Tayah Black.

Younger division

On the Beam Leopards 15, Five Little Monkeys Dementors 10: Dementors Kelly Barry and Jasmine Abuslin both had solid infield hits. Leopard Imani Hiller-Bateau handed off to Hannah Herman for two force outs at the plate.

In a great defensive play, Dementor shortstop Claire Simpson stopped the ball and threw to Serena Witherpoon at second for an out. Dementor Lena Mayer had a double play, catching a short hit for the first out, then making a quick throw to Maggie Scarpa at first for the second out. Leopard Maggie Gallagher lined a single toward right field to drive in a run. Claire Ramer followed with a shot toward shortstop to drive in Aya Newman. Dementors Madeleine Barnum and Emily Cain both had several hard-hit singles. For the Leopards, Josephine Hass scored from second on a single to right field by Rosa Rossi-Goldthorpe.

Friedman-Bruggemeyer Cougars 14, Zooming Zonta Zebras 7: Under blazing sunshine, the determined Zooming Zonta Zebras put up a good fight against a stellar offensive by the Cougars at Berkeley's Codornices Field on Saturday. Defensively, plays by pitcher Margaret English and catcher Alejandra Zeiger earned the Zooming Zonta Zebras two outs at home base. Teammate Sarah Lake made three unassisted putouts at third base in the second inning. In the fourth, Emma Hurlbert made a key unassisted putout at third base. Offensively, strong singles were hit by Zooming Zonta Zebras batters Kyra Traynor, Claire Harper, Alondra Franco and Hurlbert. The Cougars displayed great offense and defense. Catcher Anna Barcellos caught a pop-up at home for a key out. Reyna Fa-Kaji caught a fly ball and tagged third for a double play. Gemma Hunt made three unassisted putouts at first base, and Madeleine Pauker fielded a grounder and tagged a runner at first base to win the game.

Middle division

Alliance Graphics Platypus 11, Red Oak Realty Rascals 4: Rascal defense was strong, with Vita Romano making a terrific catch at second base. Romano then made a fine throw to Meg McCabe at first base to end the inning. Bats were busy on both teams, with Jordan Baker scoring in the first thanks to Romano's RBI single. The second inning was particularly strong for the Platypus: Rascal Veronica Timpane snagged an infield hit and tagged first base for the out. Rascal bats went quiet in the second but came alive in the third when Baker led off with a triple. Brooke Tannahill and Camille Obata recorded RBI singles, and Gillian Sweeney drilled one

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ST. MARY'S Gabriela Rios-Sotelo closes in on a victory in the 3,200 meters, completing her distance double at the NCS Bay Shore meet.

Rios-Sotelo a double winner

■ St. Mary's distance star has a tough recovery from 1,600 before taking the 3,200 at NCS Bay Shore meet

By Robert Jordan
STAFF WRITER

First Gabriela Rios-Sotelo coasted to victory in the girls 1,600 meters in 4 minutes, 56.62 seconds, then she returned two hours later to claim the 3,200 in 11:08.34.

Not bad especially considering the St. Mary's High School track athlete won the second race after getting sick at the end of the 1,600.

The Cal-bound senior beat Bishop O'Dowd's Ari Wright and Lexi Pappas in both races at the North Coast Section Bay Shore area track and field championships on Saturday at James Logan.

"She got sick earlier after the mile, and we had to get her hydrated and get her electrolytes back up," St. Mary's distance coach Denis Mohun said. "The two-mile was hard, but she has

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such a great competitive spirit."

The top seven finishers from the NCS Bay Shore meet advanced to the NCS Meet of Champions today and Saturday at Cal's Edwards Stadium.

James Logan captured the girls team title with 154 points. St. Mary's girls were fifth with 34. Berkeley was seventh with 28 points. Albany was tied for 16th with four points.

Rios-Sotelo enters the NCS Meet of Champions with the top-seeded time in the 1,600 and the second-seeded mark in the 3,200.

College Park's Nicole Pennes has the top seed in the 3,200 (11:07.36) and has the second-fastest seeded time in the 1,600 (4:59.15).

But with the way Rios-Sotelo ran at the NCS Bay Shore meet it will be tough to be beat her.

In both races, Rios-Sotelo let Pappas and Wright set the pace before taking over.

In the 1,600 she fell as far back as third before making her move during the third lap to

coast to victory over Wright, who was just over three seconds slower in 5:00.06.

Then in the 3,200, Rios-Sotelo spent all but one lap in second, but took the lead at the start of the last lap to best Wright (11:14.65) by almost seven seconds.

"I was feeling it and my coach told me to go for it," said Rios-Sotelo about the 3,200. "At first, I was like, 'Oh man,' but I was able to do it."

St. Mary's Ramine Cromartie-Thornton was second in the girls long jump (17 feet, 9 1/2 inches). She was also fifth in the triple jump (35-10). Teammate Lauren Lopez was fourth (36-0 1/2).

Berkeley's Jere' Summers was a double winner, claiming the girls shot put (42-5) and the discus (128-1). Teammate Lindsay Roach had the fourth-fastest 400 time (59.10).

Berkeley's Kadhja Bonet was fifth in the 3,200 (11:43.54) and teammate Sophia Uwadiale had the fifth-fastest time in the 300 low hurdles (45.91).

Albany's Rebecca Molinari was fourth in the girls discus (113-11).

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Cloverdale 2, St. Mary's 0: Bijou Felder yielded just two unearned runs on two hits with four strikeouts and one walk, but it was not enough as the Panthers (17-6) fell to the host and top-seeded Eagles (21-0) in the first round of the NCS Class A playoffs Tuesday. The Panthers committed three errors in the loss.

Acalanes 8, Albany 7: The host Dons scored three runs in the bottom of the seventh inning Tuesday to move to the NCS 2A East Bay quarterfinals. Laura Cannon was 3-for-4 with a run scored and Leana Petri drove in three runs for the Cougars.

St. Mary's 4, Albany 3: The host Panthers took a 3-1 lead in the first inning and held on to win on Friday. Felder had nine strikeouts and allowed only one earned run. Teammate Paige Freiburger was 2-for-3. Albany's Sarah Dobjenski allowed only one earned run in six innings of pitching. Petri was 2-for-4 with two RBIs.

Staff writer Phil Jensen contributed to this roundup.

ACCAL NOTEBOOK

Looking good while winning

By Robert Jordan
STAFF WRITER

IF THE SENIOR PROM had been on any other day, Maria Tezeno would have been the hours before the prom getting her hair and nails

done. Tezeno used that time Saturday to run in the NCS Meet of Champions at the North Coast Section Bay Shore area track and field championships at James Logan High School in San Francisco.

Not to worry, the Hercules High School senior arrived at the prom with her hair and nails already done.

With her hair done up with streaks to match her eyes, Tezeno qualified for the NCS Meet of Champions in the 400-meter relay, hurdles, 100 and 200.

The top seven finishers in the event at the NCS Bay Shore area championships advanced to the NCS Meet of Champions.

Tezeno started her busy day helping the Titans 400 relay team finish third with a time of 1:11 seconds.

She then got a 30-minute break before taking first in her heat of the 100 hurdles and finishing third overall in 14.61.

Tezeno had another 35-minute break before finishing second in her heat of the 100 in 12.28, which was the fourth-best time.

Then before heading back to the finish getting ready for the prom that started at 8 p.m. in San Francisco, Tezeno took part in her heat of the 200 hurdles, finishing third overall with a time of 25.46.

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ACCAL NOTEBOOK

Rios-Sotelo decides to attend Cal

By Dave Carpenter
STAFF WRITER

GABRIELA RIOS-SOTELO is staying home ... sort of. The St. Mary's High School track and cross country athlete signed a letter of intent to attend the University of California.

The details of her partial scholarship haven't worked out yet, but Rios-Sotelo will compete in both track and cross country for the Golden Bears. She said she will likely run in at least the 3,200 meters.

She said she is carrying a heavy point average.

Rios-Sotelo also received an offer from the University of San Francisco, UC Davis and UC Santa Barbara. She said her choice was Cal over the others was a close one. But she no longer has to worry about what her college plans

are very relieving," she

said. Rios-Sotelo has little if anything to do with staying close to home. She likes a lot of aspects of the programs and training.

Rios-Sotelo is competing in the 1,600- and 3,200-meter races Friday and Saturday in the North Coast Section Bay Shore area track and field championships at Edwards Stadium. A place she'll become familiar with over the next

few years. She was also strong in the mile, running her season-best 2:10.17 and 17.40 seconds in the mile and 3,200-meter races at the NCS Bay Shore Athletic League championships at Piedmont College on May 14.

Rios-Sotelo is second among the girls in the 1,600 and 3,200 meters in the NCS Meet of Champions. She only trails College Park's Nicole Pennes in the 3,200.

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BRIEFS

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Purple and White camps

Register for the Purple and White basketball camps to be held at Piedmont High School. Open to boys and girls. Three middle school sessions are 1-4 p.m. June 20-24, \$125; 1-6 p.m. July 5-8, \$165; 1-5 p.m. July 18-21, \$135. High school guard and big man development session 9 a.m.-1 p.m. June 28-30, \$150. Fee includes T-shirt and written player evaluation. Register with Buzz Redford, Piedmont Recreation Department, 510-420-3074 or Coach Chris Lavdiotis, 510-433-2600.

Albany Bobcats youth football signups

Albany Bobcats youth football signups 10 a.m.-2 p.m. June 4 and 11 at Dave's Dugout, 863 San Pablo Ave., Albany. Open to ages 6-14. Cheerleading groups also forming. Visit www.albany-football.com. 510-528-7055.

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Albany-Berkeley Sting tryouts

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Jumpers R Us and the Richmond Police Athletic League will host a youth basketball camp from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 20-24 at Kennedy High School, 4300 Cutting Blvd., Richmond. The camp is open to ages 6-16. The cost is \$150 and lunch is provided. For more information call 707-432-1467.

St. Mary's College offers basketball camps

St. Mary's College in Moraga will host several summer youth basketball camps. The Randy Bennett camp is June 13-16; overnight camps July 3-7, July

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10-14 or July 17-21. Call Lon Rork at 925-631-8268 or lrork@stmarys-ca.edu for details and sign up information.

Tennis tournament offered in Berkeley

The Berkeley Athletic Fund and Berkeley Alumni Association will host a tennis tournament fund-raiser from 4:30 to 8 p.m. July 30 at Berkeley Tennis Club.

Mixed doubles and round robin will be offered. Games, prizes and raffle will also be offered as well as a barbecue at 7 p.m. The cost is \$75 for tennis and barbecue; \$25 for barbecue only; Children 12-and-younger are \$5 for the barbecue. There is a \$40-player limit and players must sign up by July 1. Proceeds benefit Berkeley High School. For more information visit

<http://www.berkeleyathleticfund.org/tennis05.html>.

Bay Oaks Soccer Club offers tryouts

The Bay Oaks Soccer Club, which operates the Class I program for JLYSL, has been holding tryouts for boys and girls teams ages 15-19 at Merritt College and/or Alameda Point.

Any player from these clubs or residing Oakland, Alameda and Piedmont are encouraged to try out for the Bay Oaks if they want to play at the Class I competitive level. Interested players should refer to the complete schedule of tryouts for specific times and locations on the Bay Oaks Web site: www.bayoaks.net.

Alameda High School summer basketball camp

Alameda High School will offer a summer basketball camp for both boys and girls entering grades fourth through ninth on June 21-24 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Alameda High gymnasiums.

The cost is \$125 for applications and a \$25 deposit. The balance of \$125 is due June 6. The regular price is \$150 and goes up to \$175 for those that pay at the door on June 21. The cost includes a camp T-shirt, Hornet basketball, pass to a Hornet home game and 20 plus hours of instruction.

For more information or an application contact Brad Thomas at 510-865-7063.

ACCAL

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"My main race is the 100 hurdles," said Tezeno on Saturday. "The rest of my races come from that."

And despite her pre-program workout, Tezeno managed to keep her hair and nails in top shape. "It still looks good," Tezeno said.

TITAN POWER: Tezeno wasn't the only Hercules athlete to have a strong day at the NCS Bay Shore meet.

De'Shawn Waters battled a strained left quad muscle to win both his heats in the boys 100 and 200.

Waters edged Berkeley's Kellan Patterson in heat two of

the 100, finishing with a time of 11.05. Patterson clocked an 11.08. Waters posted the third-best 100 time behind Salesian's Jahvid Best (10.81) and St. Elizabeth's Adam Barnes (10.99).

"I knew I was going to catch him," said Waters, who got a slow start out of the blocks but caught Patterson with about 10 meters left in the race. "I was just worried about finishing the race healthy because I didn't want to push too hard."

The junior had an easier time in the 200, winning heat one with a time of 22.66. Pinole Valley's Keith Randle was second in the heat at 22.94.

Waters' time was sixth overall behind Best, who had the top time at 21.94.

Berkeley's Patterson gained solace in the 400 relay where the Yellow Jackets won their heat and finished with the second-best time at 43.14.

The race marked the return of Berkeley's Antoine Cokes, who had been out with a hamstring injury.

MOVING ON: The Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League is well represented in the NCS baseball playoffs this year.

Five ACCAL baseball teams are competing in the postseason. It is the first time since the league realigned in the 2000-2001 school year that five ACCAL baseball teams will be playing in the NCS playoffs. League champion Berkeley won its opening round game 5-2 over Newark Memorial on

Tuesday in the NCS 3A East Bay division. The other ACCAL participants are in the NCS 2A East Bay division: No. 3 seed El Cerrito, No. 6 Encinal, No. 7 Alameda and No. 12 De Anza. On Tuesday, Encinal defeated St. Mary's 2-1 and De Anza lost to Alcalanes 8-3.

In the NCS softball playoff seeding meeting Sunday, only two ACCAL teams were selected. League champion Alameda had an automatic bid and is the No. 1 seed in the NCS 2A East Bay playoffs. Pinole Valley is the No. 6 seed in that division. At press time, the results of both teams' quarterfinal games were unavailable.

Staff writer Phil Jensen contributed to this notebook.

BSAL

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cross country championships last fall, Rios-Sotelo finished second in Division IV. She ran the 3.1-mile course at Fresno's Woodward Park in 18:20.

Over the years, she has developed a friendly rivalry with Piedmont cross country and track standouts Jehan and Naomi Sparks. The twin sisters are bound for Columbia University. They will join Alameda

High graduate Corinne Roberts, who is a sophomore there.

ANOTHER SIGNING: Salesian senior Allison Donnelly recently signed a letter of intent to attend Cumberland University in Lebanon, Tenn., where she will play softball.

The Chieftains starting pitcher upped her record to 18-5 on the season after shutting out host University-S.F. 8-0 on Tuesday in the first round of the NCS Class A playoffs. She recorded 16 strikeouts and was

2-for-4 at the plate with two RBI.

Donnelly is a three-time All-BSAL selection (this year's team has not been released yet).

She threw a one-hitter in the regular-season finale last Friday against Piedmont as the Chieftains finished the BSAL at 14-4. She struck out nine batters. Salesian tied for second with St. Mary's in the BSAL. Champion St. Patrick was 17-1.

CLOSE TO A CHAMPIONSHIP: Salesian's boys volleyball team reached the final

of the NCS Class IV championship. The Chieftains lost to Campolindo in three games, but all three were close.

Campolindo came away with a 25-17, 25-20, 25-20 victory.

Salesian had some standout performances in the match, including Max Shafer, who had 10 kills. Joey Hoh collected 21 assists and Johnny Rath had eight blocks.

Salesian finished the season at 23-9. The Chieftains were the BSAL champions.

Boys

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Lanny Kelly, Nick Safir and Ade Olanrewaju in the top of the sixth.

Albany 11, St. Joseph 1: Atkins was 3-for-4 with a double, three runs scored and two RBI, as the host Cougars took a 7-0 lead after two innings of this five-inning game Saturday. Greg Johnson and Zach Babbitt also had two hits for the Cougars (14-7-1, 12-4 Bay Shore Athletic League).

St. Mary's 15, John Swett 0: The visiting Panthers scored 10 runs in the fourth inning of this five-inning game Saturday to finish the regular season with a 16-8 overall record and 11-5 BSAL mark. Olanrewaju hit a two-run home run and teammate Dave McGuinness was 3-for-3 with three RBI and two runs scored.

Berkeley 5, Newark Memorial 2: The host Yellow Jackets (17-7-1) took advantage of five Cougars errors and sophomore right-hander Andrew Johnson allowed only five hits in six innings in a NCS 3A East Bay victory over Newark Memorial (18-9-1) on Tuesday.

Johnson finished with nine strikeouts and one walk.

Berkeley rallied from a 2-1 deficit with four runs in the third. Lucas Fogarty was 3-for-3 for the

Yellow Jackets.

Encinal 2, St. Mary's 1: It took the Panthers six innings to figure out Zack Boyd's mix of pitches and by then it was too late.

Boyd tossed his best game of the season, allowing one run on five hits with seven strikeouts to help No. 6 Encinal (14-11) beat the No. 11 Panthers (16-9) in the first round of the North Coast Section 2A East Bay playoffs on Tuesday at the College of Alameda.

"I just thought we tried to do too much at the plate," St. Mary's coach Andy Shimabukuro said. "I told the guys after the second inning that you have to stay back and look to go the other way, and we didn't make that adjustment."

A sophomore, Boyd used his fastball to set up a nasty breaking ball that kept the Panthers off balance until the sixth.

Kevin Cannon was the first Panther to get into scoring position on a single to left that turned into a double after Encinal misplayed the ball. But Boyd then snagged Safir's line drive out of the air and threw to second to get Cannon and end the threat.

"If you would have told me that we would hold them to two runs, I would have said we would be playing on Friday," Shimabukuro said.

St. Mary's Noah Ingram was impressive on the mound. Ingram allowed two runs — both

on sacrifice flies — on four hits with two strikeouts in 5½ innings.

"You have to give credit to St. Mary's," Encinal coach Jim Saunders said. "We knew they were a good team and their two guys kept us all over the plate."

The Panthers scored in the seventh when McGuinness hit a two-out RBI single to left that scored Safir, who reached base on a double two batters earlier.

But Boyd ended the threat, getting Spencer Winton to strike out with his breaking ball.

Miguel Paniagua got the Panthers' first hit in the third inning with a single to left with two outs, but Boyd struck out the next batter on three pitches.

Encinal scored a run each in the fourth and fifth inning on sacrifice flies by Tommy Adkins and Phil Taddei.

The Jets travel to play No. 3 El Cerrito (19-5) at 5 p.m. today at Contra Costa College.

BOYS TRACK AND FIELD

NCS Bay Shore area championships: El Cerrito's Erik Howard won the shot put to high-light local teams at this quality-

ing meet at James Logan for the NCS Meet of Champions today.

Howard had a shot put mark of 53 feet, 3 inches. He also finished fifth in the discus (130-7) to account for all of El Cerrito's 12 points.

James Logan won the boys team title with 126 points. Berkeley was ninth with 18 points.

The Yellow Jackets' 400 relay team had the second-fastest time of the meet (43.14 seconds). Kellan Patterson had the fourth-fastest time in the 100 (11.08). Brian Holbert was third in the high jump (6-2).

St. Mary's finished tied for 14th with 14 points. The Panthers' Erick Berthaldan had the second-fastest time in the 800 (2:00.99) and was fifth in the 1,600 (4:31.72). St. Mary's 400 relay team had the fourth-fastest time of the meet (43.28).

Albany was 22nd with three points. The Cougars' Kevin Shea was fifth in the 3,200 (9:55.84) and teammate Andrew Bender was sixth in the 110 high hurdles (16.47).

Staff writer Phil Jensen contributed to this roundup.

Softball

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into center field for a RBI double. Defensive highlights in the third inning included two impressive putouts made by Obata while playing first base.

Prins Chiropractic Bulldogs 8, Arkin Tilt Terminators 1: Highlights included Bulldog singles by Lindsey Baker, Tamar Degen-Nosek, Anna Moore and Katie Lyons. Bulldog Kate Moore hit a hard double and later slid into home to score.

Bulldog Julie Moorad hit a double and also pitched a great inning. Bulldog shortstop Cory Labov made an exciting out. The Terminators' defense included strikeouts by pitchers Ashley LaRosa and McKenzie Giblin. Terminator first baseman Zee Salnave-Crisostomo caught a bull's-eye throw from Nina Magnuson for an out. Terminator pitcher Kenia Cobb caught a fly ball for the out. On offense, Terminator Shira Rothman had an RBI with Elise Hartinger scoring.

Impact Fund Maximum Impact 3, Nolo Press Pickle Express 0: A hot day kept the score low, but both teams played a strong defensive game. Both the Impact's Clara Obfeldt and Pickle Express' Marielle Cohen started off their respective halves of the first inning with very aggressive baserunning. The Pickle Express' Róisín Shannon was a strong presence at first base and helped hold Impact scoreless in the top of the third inning.

Pickle Express players Julia Martinelli and Samantha Abkin got good hits in the bottom of the third. However, in the top of the fourth inning, Maximum Impact players Natalia Aladco and Gabriela Steiner started off the inning with solid base hits. Aladco stole third and then was driven in by Sasha Kramer. Jennie Olson advanced Steiner and Kramer, who were ultimately driven in for two more runs.

Older division

Adobe Black Magic 10+, Tulip Hardwood Belt Sanders 0: Belt Sander Sonya Schoenberger caught a sky-high pop fly for the first out of the game. The Belt Sanders' Emma Rotem and Katie Kitz followed with great plays on hard-hit grounders. The Belt Sanders' Angelina Herrera and Sita Wong turned in stellar performances at first base. Belt Sander newcomer Emily Fong shot a single to left field early in the game and dazzled the crowd in the fourth inning with daring baserunning and slides. But even the fabulous pitching of Liah Hubbard and Elana Jacobs-Ponteorvo could not resuscitate the Belt Sanders against the Black Magic. Magician Jenna Brotsky was a hitting machine, with two singles and a pair of runs. Black Magic pitcher Lise Dohrer drove in two runs and scored twice off drives smacked by teammate Lily Meryash. Black Magician Elisa Jones had inspired baserunning, taking second on an infield single and scoring on Hanna Morris' fielder's choice.

San Marco Associates Slammers 8, Counterforce Lightning 2: In a heartbreaking loss to the Slammers, the Lightning came up with some spectacular plays. The Lightning's Adriana Stevens pitched five strong innings and recorded five strikeouts. She also stole three bases, including home. In a defensive gem, Lightning left fielder Giselle Moreno threw a strike to catcher Amanda Stevens, who tagged out a stealing Slammer. At second base, the Lightning's Carol Sturgeon snagged a blazing grounder and tossed the ball to first for the out.

The Lightning's Johanna Hoyer played superb defense at first base and smashed a triple to keep the Lightning in the game.

Interleague

San Lorenzo Ice Breakers 4, Sweet Potatoes Peellers 3: In a hard fought, well-played game, the Sweet Potatoes Peellers fell just short. The Ice Breakers were led by the speedy and

accurate pitching of Ashley LaRosa and Sarah Ward Haddon. In the third inning the Ice Breakers' Amy started the offense with a single to center field and scored after a throw by the Peellers.

Ashley Schmutzler singled in the third and was driven in by Peellers' Kisten. Peellers' offense, getting going with a triple and a double by Tokunaga and Mollie Gaudin, provided the Peellers with offensive. Tokunaga played a full field, recording four putouts and Cousins threw out two runners to steal. Cousins also had an RBI. The Peellers' Fiona Riley and Murakami pitched courageously, keeping the potent Ice Breakers under control. Murakami struck last Peellers run in the seventh but was stranded at third in the game.



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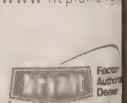


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"BROTHERS": A beautifully intense film about two brothers who have grown used to playing familial roles on the black sheep, the other the good boy. After Michael, the dutiful military man, is believed killed in Afghanistan, those roles shift unexpectedly. With Connie Nielsen (*"Gladiator"*) as his luminous wife, (Danish with subtitles.) — M. Pols. (R: strong violence, language, brief nudity.) 1 hour, 50 minutes. A-

"CRASH": In the course of 24 hours, a group of Los Angeles residents grapple with the demons of racism. A director Paul Haggis (screenwriter of "Million Dollar Baby") wants to provoke a serious discourse, a social goal. But the movie is heavy-handed, and, despite some brilliant scenes and strong acting from a great ensemble, is riddled with mistakes, particularly coincidences that lead to the absurd. Ultimately Haggis results his audience by assuring he has to instruct us on everything about racism, as if merely to live in America today weren't already a primer. Still, flaws and all, worth seeing. — M. Pols. (R: language, sexual content, some language.) 1 hour, 40 minutes. B-

"PROQUEL TO THE GORISTIS": Haven't gotten enough "Enron" prequels? This one follows young Father Merrin facing a crisis in East Africa, where a sa-

tanic church has been buried by the natives, and the demon Pazuzu starts wreaking havoc far too late in the movie. Not as garish as Renny Harlin's version and too dire for its own good. The actors seem to be playing in different movies; the depiction of the natives is condescending at best; and the pseudo-love story is only distracting. — C. Vognar. (R: strong violence, disturbing images.) 1 hour, 56 minutes. D

"DOWNFALL": Bruno Ganz gives a remarkable performance as Adolf Hitler, portrayed here in his final days. Holed up in a bunker in Berlin, he alternates between denial, fury, melancholy and insanity. Given the subject matter and the resounding lack of a likable protagonist, the movie is, naturally, bleak as can be, but riveting. Based in part on the account of Hitler's secretary, Traudi Junge (played here by the luminous Alexandra Maria Lara), subject of the recent documentary "Blind Spot: Hitler's Secretary." — M. Pols. (R: strong violence, disturbing images and some nudity.) 2 hours, 28 minutes. B+

"ENRON: THE SMARTEST GUYS IN THE ROOM": An eye-opening film that puts the whole Enron scandal into focus. One that will likely have you stomping about afterward in righteous indignation at the crimes perpetrated by these corporate swindlers. Cleverly done, too, with a terrific soundtrack. — M. Pols. (NR) 1 hour, 49 minutes. B+

"THE HITCHHIKER'S GUIDE TO THE GALAXY": Since Douglas Adams came up with the core story for this series in 1978, it has evolved from a radio play to a series of novels, a TV show and more. Serious fans may have quibbles, but as a newcomer, I found this bit of comic science fiction witty, silly (in a good way) and cheering. A good-natured space romp for the whole family. — M. Pols. (PG: thematic elements, action and mild language.) B+

"THE HOLY GIRL": A medical conference is under way at a provincial Argentine hotel, where Amalia, a moody teenager, is in the throes of adolescent self-discovery. Filmmaker Lucrecia Martel records the comings and goings among the doctors and the hotel staff like a sociologist or a spy. At times, the narrative method seems almost haphazard, as she plucks enigmatic moments out of the busyness of everyday life. — A.O. Scott. (Not rated; in Spanish, with

subtitles.) 1 hour, 46 minutes. A

"HOUSE OF WAX": Elisha Cuthbert and Paris Hilton head a cast of the young-and-the-yummy on a college football road trip turned horror outing. She and pals stop to pitch tents. Car trouble sends them to the nearby town, an art moderne ghost village where, yes, they might find a fan belt. But first they've got to check out the empty and ancient "House of Wax" museum where lots of statues, none of them of famous people, reside. — R. Moore. (R: horror violence, some sexual content and language.) 1 hour, 48 minutes. D

"THE INTERPRETER": An old-fashioned thriller from director Sydney Pollack, the film is intelligently plotted, well-acted and of timely subject matter, but so diligent, it feels less exciting than it ought. Nicole Kidman plays a United Nations interpreter who overhears an assassination plot, which coincidentally involves the despot who rules her (fictional) native land in Africa. Sean Penn is the Secret Service agent who doesn't know whether to frisk her or fall in love with her. Kidman is marvelous, but Penn is burdened by an unnecessary back story, and they lack chemistry. — M. Pols. (PG-13: violence, some sexual content and brief strong language.) 2 hours, 8 minutes. B-

"KICKING & SCREAMING": Will Ferrell's performance as a coach who whips a team of pre-adolescent soccer misfits into shape is bright enough to light up an overly familiar feel-good story. The actor has the ability to generate sudden flashes of humor, such as when his character, a reluctant youth league soccer coach, is experiencing long-suppressed rage at his father (Robert Duvall), a bullying man who coaches a far more successful squad. — M. O'Sullivan. (PG: crude humor, language.) 1 hour, 35 minutes. B

"KINGDOM OF HEAVEN": You'll wish you had read "The Crusades for Dummies" before watching this film. Less a struggle between good and evil than a meditation on the futility of a permanent holy war, it labors so hard to be fair to both Muslims and Christians that it ends up being nothing more than another action spectacle. After the death of his wife, Balian (Orlando Bloom) is persuaded by Sir Godfrey (Iain Neeeson) to join him in Jerusalem to slaughter infidels. Once in the Holy Land, Balian can't kill Muslims fast

enough — until he meets Sibylla, princess of Jerusalem. — B. Newman. (R: strong violence, epic warfare.) 2 hours, 18 minutes. C

"KUNG FU HUSTLE": Writer-director Stephen Chow has created a hyper-animated fantasy world that honors kung fu movies as it satirizes them, and the similarities between it and a cartoon are entirely intentional. He samples classic comedy and neo-pop-inflected sci-fi to come up with something that looks like the Marx Brothers meet "The Matrix." — B. Newman. (R: strong stylized action, violence; in Cantonese and Mandarin with subtitles.) 1 hour, 39 minutes. B

"LADIES IN LAVENDER": A meditation on loneliness and missed opportunities that urges us, gently, to live a little. The great actresses Judi Dench and Maggie Smith play elderly sisters who discover a young Polish man (Daniel Bruhl) washed up on the shore near their Cornwall cottage sometime between the Great Wars. Each becomes possessive of him and they bicker mightily over his care. With Natasha McElhone as a beautiful Russian artist who encroaches on their territory. — M. Pols. (PG-13: brief strong language.) 1 hour, 43 minutes. B-

"LAYER CAKE": Another British movie about a gangster itching to get out of the business, stymied by "one last job." Fast paced and glamorous in the most boring way, its chief reason for being is as a showcase for Daniel Craig, a potential new James Bond. Given that he keeps us semi-interested in a tired bit of formula, he may have what that job requires. — M. Pols. (R: strong brutal violence, sexuality, nudity, pervasive language, drug use.) 1 hour, 45 minutes. C-

"LOOK AT ME": The characters in this insightful and very funny social satire are desperate for attention. Etienne is a celebrated novelist: smart, funny and something of a monster, a man whose narcissism blinds him to everyone around him — including his 20-year-old daughter, Lolita, a shy, overweight young woman profoundly resentful of her father's power and neglect. — G. Whipp. (PG-13: brief language, a sexual reference; in French with subtitles.) 1 hour, 50 minutes. B+

"MAD HOT BALLROOM": This documentary follows several teams of pre-adolescent student dancers from New York as they train for the nerve-

OPENING TODAY

"KONTROLL" (R)
Budapest's subway system is the setting for this highly stylized romantic thriller.

"THE LONGEST YARD" (PG-13)
In this remake, a pro quarterback (Adam Sandler) ends up in prison, where he and his fellow inmates challenge the guards to a game of football. With Chris Rock.

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A group of New York zoo animals must learn to survive in the wild after being sent back to Africa in this animated feature.

"THE MAN WHO COPIED" (NR)
In this award-winning Brazilian film,

a man who works at a photocopy shop by day and draws comic book art at night is led into a fantasy world.

"MYSTERIOUS SKIN" (R)
Two young men, both sexually molested as children by the same coach, meet again as adults. One is now a male prostitute; the other believes he was abducted by aliens.

"TELL THEM WHO YOU ARE" (R)
Mark Wexler wrote this biographical documentary about his father, cinematographer Haskell Wexler, who worked with such luminaries as Elia Kazan, Milos Forman and Francis Ford Coppola.

racking competition that caps the American Ballroom Theater's "Dancing Classrooms" program. There's inherent drama built into any contest, and the filmmakers make the most — without milking for cheap sentiment — of the fact that there will not just be winners, but losers. — M. O'Sullivan. (PG: some mild references to sex and violence.) 1 hour, 45 minutes. B+

"MELINDA AND MELINDA": Not quite a return to form for director Woody Allen, but an improvement on his recent films. The story is told two ways, comedically and then tragically. A woman in distress, Melinda, barges in on a dinner party, beginning two different chains of events. She is played in both cases by Radha Mitchell ("High Art"), who is surprisingly good. So is Will Ferrell, who makes the most sweetly appealing stand-in for Allen in years. If the goal is to teach us something profound about the crossover between comedy and tragedy, the movie doesn't succeed, but we do have a fun time. — M. Pols. (PG-13: adult situations involving sexuality, some substance material.) 1 hour, 39 minutes. B

"MILLIONS": A tender tale with a buoyant sense of magical realism and a sneaky little moral lesson that centers on 7-year-old Damian and his 9-year-old brother, Anthony. After their mother's death, the boys are uprooted by their father to start over in a new housing tract in the British countryside. When a suitcase full of cash falls from the sky into their cardboard-box hideout, Daniel begins doing out the money to people who seem in need. Anthony, meanwhile, sets himself up as top dog at his new school. — D. Germain. (PG: thematic elements, language, some peril and mild sensuality.) 1 hour, 37 minutes. B

"MINDHUNTERS": A sharp cast led by LL Cool J, Kathryn Morris, Jonny Lee Miller, Val Kilmer and Christian Slater is unceremoniously tossed into this meat-grinder of bloody excess. On a Navy training island, seven wannabe FBI profilers are dispatched for final exams, a head game in which they must track a make-believe serial killer. After one of the crew is killed, the survivors are alternately blubbering and pointing guns at one another as they conclude that the killer walks among them. — D. Germain. (R: violence, strong graphic images, language, sexual content.) 1 hour, 46 minutes. D+

"MONSTER-IN-LAW": Jane Fonda, returning to film after 15 years, plays the title character, a TV journalist who can't bear the idea of her precious dillard of a son (Michael Vartan) marrying a vapid temptress (Jennifer Lopez). She does what she can to stop the wedding, with the wavering help of her embarrassingly stereotypical African-American sidekick (Wanda Sykes). JLo fights back.

Ugly, dumb slapstick ensues. Every character is inconsistent and/or irritating, although Fonda almost holds her own. — M. Pols. (PG-13: sex references and language.) 1 hour, 42 minutes. D+

"THE OTHER SIDE OF THE STREET": The wonderful Brazilian actress Fernanda Montenegro is the best thing about this confused mix of cat-and-mouse thriller and sentimental love story. A neighborhood snoop witnesses what she thinks is a murder. — S. Holden. (Not rated; in Portuguese with subtitles.) 1 hour, 38 minutes. C

"PALINDROMES": In Todd Solondz's intriguing drama, the main character is played by eight very different actors. This play is meant to be a head-scratching notion on one level, but also a provocative invitation to think more deeply about everything. Aviva, a preteen girl, becomes pregnant. Her mother (Ellen Barkin) is outraged and insists that she have an abortion, but Aviva wants to keep the child. — D. Thomson. (Not rated; contains provocative material, sexual scenes, obscenity and violence.) 1 hour, 40 minutes. B

"SIN CITY": Shot in black-and-white, this movie springs off the screen just as the noir comic books by Frank Miller it is adapted from. So visually exciting that you can't turn away, even when all that's happening on-screen is the relentless reduction of skull and brain matter into pulp. So cool it could almost give you frostbite. Star-studded, but also deliberately offensive, pointless and emotionally hollow; it's about nothing at all, serving only as a celebration of violence. — M. Pols. (R: extreme violence, language, sexuality.) 2 hours, 6 minutes. B-

"STAR WARS: EPISODE III — REVENGE OF THE SITH": To see George Lucas finally knit together his six-part "Star Wars" saga is an unexpectedly moving experience. He's still clumsy in the human interaction department and Anakin Skywalker's (Hayden Christensen) transition to the dark side is a little quick, but we feel it. May be too sad and disturbing for youngsters. — M. Pols. (PG-13: sci-fi violence, intense images.) 2 hours, 20 minutes. B

"UNLEASHED": Jet Li plays Danny, a Chinese man raised to be a loan shark's Rottweiler. Bob Hoskins is Bart, the thug who raised Danny, who is kept in a cage, and conditioned to be at peace when he wears a collar, at war when he takes it off. Then Danny meets an aged blind piano tuner (Morgan Freeman at his sweetest). When Danny is accidentally freed, the tuner takes him in, no questions asked. — R. Moore. (R: strong violent content, language, some sexuality/nudity.) 1 hour, 34 minutes. B

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Kicking & Screaming (PG) 1:40, 11:25.

The Longest Yard (PG-13) 11:25, 1, 2:05, 4:15, 5, 7, 7:45, 9:45, 10:30.

Madagascar (PG) 11:45, 12:30, 2:15, 3, 4:45, 5:30, 7:15, 9:45.

Monster-in-Law (PG-13) 11:50, 2:15, 4:45, 7:10, 9:40.

Star Wars: Episode III (PG-13) 12:15, 12:45, 3:30, 4, 7, 7:30, 10:15, 10:45.

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Brothers (R) 1:25, 4:05, 6:45, 9:25.

The Hitchhiker's Guide To The Galaxy (PG) 2:05, 4:35, 7, 9:30.

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Kontroll (R) 2:15, 4:45, 7:20, 9:50.

Kung Fu Hustle (R) 1:45, 4:40, 7:30, 9:55.

The Longest Yard (PG-13) 1:30, 2:30, 4, 5:15, 7:10, 8:15, 9:40.

Look At Me (PG-13) 4:20, 9.

Mad Hot Ballroom (PG) 1:35, 4:10, 7:05, 9:35.

The Wild Parrots of Telegraph Hill (G) 2, 6:50.

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The Interpreter (PG-13) 11, 2, 5, 7:50, 10:40.

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Enron: The Smartest Guys in the Room (Not Rated) 12, 2:30, 5, 7:30, 10.

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Ladies in Lavender (PG-13) 1, 4:20, 7:20, 9:45.

Layer Cake (R) 12:30, 3:45, 7:10, 9:50.

Look At Me (PG-13) 4, 9:10.

The Wild Parrots of Telegraph Hill (G) 1:30, 7.

Lumiere Theatre

Brothers (R) 1:30, 4:15, 7, 9:35.

The Holy Girl (R) 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 9:45.

The Man Who Copied (Not Rated) 1:15, 4, 6:45, 9:25.

Opera Plaza Cinema

Downfall (R) 1:30, 5, 8:20.

Millions (PG) 1:45, 4:15, 6:45, 9:10.

The Other Side of the Street (Not Rated) 2, 4:30, 7, 9:20.

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Jokes help to keep 'Madagascar' afloat

By Robert W. Butler
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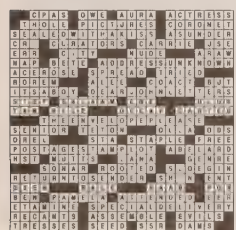
Had the Marx Brothers made an animated movie, it might be like "Madagascar."

Like most of the Marx Brothers' canon, DreamWorks' latest computer-animated effort suffers from a case of narrative malnutrition (you never want to see the Brothers for their plots), but delivers enough jokes, wordplay, visual gags and character nonsense to keep us chuckling and occasionally roaring.

In a nutshell: It's better than "Shrek," the studio's last computer-animated outing, but falls short of the high bar set by the "Shrek" movies.

This surprisingly Manhattan-centric yarn opens in a delightfully realistic Central Park Zoo. Its four main characters, though animals, may be viewed as various New York "types."

The most important of these is Marty (voiced by Chris Rock), a zebra just celebrating a birthday and suffering from the equine version of a midlife crisis. Born and reared in captivity, Marty's starting to wonder who he really is. "Am I black with white stripes?" Or



REVIEW

■ **WHAT:** "Madagascar"

■ **STARRING:** The voices of Ben Stiller, Chris Rock, Jada Pinkett Smith and David Schwimmer

■ **RATING:** PG (mild language, crude humor and some thematic elements)

■ **RUNNING TIME:** 1 hour, 25 minutes

■ **WHERE:** Opens today at area theaters

■ **GRADE:** C+

white with black stripes?" he obsesses.

When the zoo's penguins (they're like Navy SEALs who waddle) stage an escape in an attempt to reach Antarctica, Marty decides that before his time is up, he wants to spend some time in the wild. Of course, his idea of the wild is Connecticut.

His three best friends aren't having any of this nonsense. The lion, Alex (voiced by Ben Stiller), enjoys rock star status. His days are spent striking photogenic poses for the visitors, and the gift shop is crammed with merchandise bearing his regal likeness. He's thoroughly cuffed, so far removed from his animal instincts that the steaks he slurps down might grow on bushes for all he knows.

Melman (David Schwimmer) is a hypochondriac giraffe who won't go any place that doesn't have a CT scan machine, while Gloria (Jada Pinkett Smith) is a surprisingly graceful hippo with a no-nonsense, take-command style. The story has Marty making a

break, the other three giving chase, and all of them being surrounded by an army of cops in Grand Central Station. Boxed up and put aboard a cargo ship, they're knocked overboard and find themselves washed up on the shore of a tropical island. There they befriend a tribe of partying lemurs (imagine a dance club where the music never stops) and banish local hyena-ish predators.

Once in the wild, though, Alex's carnivorous instincts emerge, and it's all he can do not to chase down and consume his buddies. This is an interesting idea, but the screenwriters have painted themselves into a corner. What's a lion supposed to do — go vegan?

While "Madagascar" raises the theme of civilization versus natural instinct, it never resolves it. Similarly, the characters are pale. Melman and Gloria really don't register — the movie could have been just about Marty and Alex. And everybody's favorites will be the penguins, a wondrously anarchic bunch who behave like POWs making a break from the stalag. These birds become the film's

deus ex machina, always appearing unexpectedly to change the fate of the main characters.

What saves "Madagascar" is its kitchen-sink sense of humor. "Born Free" becomes the movie's tongue-in-cheek theme song, and there are visual puns on "Chariots of Fire," the original "Planet of the Apes" and even "American Beauty" (instead of cavorting in an ocean of rose petals, Alex envisions a vast sea of rib-eye steaks).

And if you're so inclined, you may view Alex's struggles with carnality as a sly rebuff to "The Lion King's" circle of life philosophy. Face it — it's always better to eat than to be eaten.

Directed by Eric Darnell and Tom McGrath, "Madagascar" is a great-looking outing that makes good use of the contrast between New York City and the lush, garishly colorful jungle. It'll undoubtedly keep the kids occupied and parents intermittently amused.

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13 So, in Sorrento
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15 Harry Potter's best friend
16 Multiday race
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28 Winning an Olympic gold medal, for some
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42 A while ago
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JULIA MORGAN CENTER FOR THE ARTS — "Las Buenas Flamenquitas," May 28, 8 p.m. Azahar Dance Foundation presents a performance by young Bay Area flamenco dancers of works from the classical flamenco repertoire, accompanied by professional singers and musicians. \$17 general; \$10 children ages 5 to 12. (925) 798-1300.

Shakti Dance Company, May 29, 6:30 p.m. Mythili Prakash performs "The Dance Eternal," a solo performance of the classical Indian dance form Bharata Natyam. \$15 to \$20. (925) 798-1300.

"Bembere Mudengu (Telling My Story)," June 4, 7 p.m. An evening of dance, music, ceremony and storytelling from Zimbabwe with Julia Tsitsi Chigamba and the Chigamba family. \$12 to \$18. (925) 798-1300.

2640 College Ave., Berkeley. 510-845-8542 or www.juliamorgan.org.

LA PENA CULTURAL CENTER — Afro Peruvian Music and Dance with Lalo Izquierdo and members of Rompe y Raja, June 3, 8:30 p.m. \$10.

3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-849-2568 or www.lapena.org.

REGENT'S THEATRE — "Hansel and Gretel, the Ballet," May 28 and May 29. Presented by the Ronn Gudi Foundation for the Performing Arts. Saturday, 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.; Sunday, 5 p.m. \$18. 510-530-7516.

Holy Names University, 3500 Mountain Blvd., Oakland.

SHATTUCK DOWN LOW — "Live Salsa," Ongoing. Wednesdays, 8 p.m. A live salsa band plays with beginning lessons at 8 p.m. and intermediate lessons at 8:45 p.m. \$10 general; \$5 students.

For ages 21 and older. 2284 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-548-1159 or www.shattuckdownlow.com.

STARRY PLOUGH PUB — "Ceili and Dance," Ongoing. Traditional Irish music and dance. Mondays; dance lesson at 7 p.m., music at 9 p.m. Free.

For ages 21 and over unless noted. Sunday and Wednesday, 8 p.m.; Thursday and Wednesday, 9:30 p.m. unless noted. 3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-841-2082 or www.starryploughpub.com.

EXHIBITS

ACCI GALLERY — CLOSING — "Homecoming," May 12 through June 3. An retrospective exhibit of works by Kay Sekimachi and Bob Stockdale.

CLOSING — "La Familia," May 12 through June 3. An exhibit of past and current ceramic works by local father and son potters.

Free. Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. 1652 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-843-2527 or www.accigallery.com.

ALAMEDA ART CENTER — OPENING — "Somebody," June 3 through June 23. A juried exhibit of 2-D and 3-D figurative art. Reception on June 3, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Free. Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. 1701 Webster St., Alameda. 510-748-7888 or www.alamedaartcenter.org.

BANCROFT LIBRARY AT UC BERKELEY — CLOSING — "Chinese in California, 1850-1925: Between Two Worlds," April 1 through May 31. This exhibit exploring the Chinese experi-

ence in California beginning during the Gold Rush era includes paintings, photographs and oral history. THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED ON MAY 30. 510-643-5651.

Free. Monday through Saturday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. UC Berkeley campus, Berkeley. http://bancroft.berkeley.edu.

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CRAFT AND CULTURAL ARTS GALLERY — "ACGA in Oakland," May 16 through July 1. An exhibit of works by 43 clay and glass artists with the Association of Clay and Glass Artists of California. Music and conversation with the artists on June 16, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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GALLERY 555 — CLOSING — "Call and Response: The Artwork of Jenny Bloomfield and Mel Lyons," April 11 through May 31. An Oakland Museum of California off-site exhibition featuring oil paintings by Bloomfield and sculptures by Lyons.

510-238-6836 or www.museumca.org.

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Arts & Leisure

Friday, May 27, 2005



BILL MANN
Multimedia Notes

Ibanez looking for new angles

KTVU (CHANNEL 2) SPORTS DIRECTOR Mark Ibanez is on the phone, ostensibly to object to a comment made here by his KRON (Channel 4) counterpart, Gary Radnich. Radnich has said on his KNBR radio show, "If you don't keep your act fresh, you get cut back to two minutes, like Mark Ibanez." Radnich told me Ibanez "was OK with that." But he obviously isn't.

That's not, Ibanez says, why his sports segment on KTVU's "10 O'Clock News" was cut back from five minutes-plus to a tight 2:30. It was, Ibanez says, because KTVU's consultants said sports fans were tuning in ESPN's popular "SportsCenter" for highlights each night at that time.

Hard to argue with that. But Ibanez says he came up with another, better idea: "Bill the sports segment as A's, Giants, Raiders, 49ers, Warriors, Cal and Stanford highlights. People don't get that on ESPN," he explains. "You can't tell me people wouldn't watch five minutes of that. They could go elsewhere to see Tiger Woods make a putt."

But the consultants didn't ask for his opinion, sighs Ibanez. "It's been two years and four months since they made the decision," says the normally laid-back sportscaster, "but the numbers haven't shown it's helped the newscast — in fact, ratings are down."

"They pay huge amounts of money to consultants; no one's asked for my input."

The halving of his segment each weeknight has obviously taken its toll on the 26-year Channel 2 vet. "I absolutely have a problem with it," he says candidly. "I walk out of Channel 2 each night frustrated. I go to the dry cleaners or to the grocery, and people keep asking me, 'Why don't they give you more time?'"

"It's frustrating," Ibanez says consultants throw statistics around to justify their recommendations. "Only 8 percent of the audience is into sports, they say. But just try losing 8 percent of your audience in a year."

"Statistics are like a bikini," he scoffs, calling up an old line: "What they reveal is important, but what they hide is imperative."

"So that's why I resent what Gary says about my time being taken away because what I do is stale. Plus, with only 2½ minutes, there are no feature stories."

Actually, there was one on KTVU the other night — a long May sweeps piece on local hookers setting up Web sites.

KRON-IC FATIGUE: "Everyone here's depressed now," admits a Channel 4 news staffer, referring to a recent meeting at 1001 Van Ness in which station brass explained KRON's "brave new world" to their dismayed — and increasingly dispirited — news staff.

"Reporters will be turned into 'one-man bands,'" explains a second disgruntled KRON staffer. "They'll carry their own cameras. And (camera people) are being encouraged to become reporters."

"Editors will be cut — we'll be expected to go home and edit the stories on our computers. I think it's all going to look awful, but it fattens the bottom line."

One reporter says, "You can hear them lining up now ... kids just out of Chico State, who KRON can pay \$30,000 instead of \$75,000. And they've already been working like this — setting up their own tripods, talking as they film — at small-market stations. Now you'll be able to jump right to a major-market station with no seasoning."

"Another problem," a KRON staffer adds about the "VJ," or "video-journalist" idea currently popular at smaller stations: "Most camera people don't make good reporters — and vice-versa."

Bill Mann's column runs every other week. Reach him at News-mann@sonic.net



THE OAKLAND East Bay Symphony had a full house and a full stage for Leonard Bernstein's "Mass" last Friday. Conductor Michael Morgan has wanted to perform the piece ever since he arrived in Oakland 15 years ago.

Morgan's 'Mass' to remember

■ OEB conductor's mastery makes a musical triumph out of Leonard Bernstein's eclectic work

By Georgia Rowe
CORRESPONDENT

TALK ABOUT A Big Finish. Michael Morgan and the Oakland East Bay Symphony closed their 2004-05 season with Leonard Bernstein's "Mass" at the Paramount Theatre over the weekend, and it was without a doubt the most impressively large-scale finale this orchestra has ever put in front of an audience.

With Morgan conducting the orchestra, the Oakland Symphony Chorus, the young singers of the Piedmont Chorus, several teams of vocal soloists and instrumentalists, and the Hucklebuck McAllister Dance Company, Bernstein's outsized theater piece for singers, players and dancers filled the stage and literally overflowed into the



ON AND OFF STAGE: Hector Vasquez, left, was a fine choice for the pivotal role of the Celebrant; the Hucklebuck McAllister Dance Company (including Julie Sheetz, right) used the aisles during the performance.

aisles. There were more than 240 performers in all, and under Morgan's direction, they raised the roof and covered themselves in glory.

A capacity crowd packed the hall for Friday's performance,

which repeated Sunday afternoon as the final offering of the season (the orchestra's 16th and Morgan's 15th).

"Mass" has always been a unique experience. Following the

liturgical form, Bernstein cobbled together a score from multiple musical sources. Jazz, opera, gospel and Gregorian chant,

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Passion, spontaneity make Marica magical

By Nicholas Boer
STAFF WRITER

My swordfish special is cooked perfectly. And the coconut curry sauce — laced with toasted spice, galangal and lemon grass — tickles. Chef Christopher Cheung builds the sauce from a complicated red curry paste whose recipe — roasted shallots, dried chiles, shrimp paste — he obtained from a Thai chef. But the mashed potatoes on the plate are a sacrifice starch.

Like an Iron Chef with the clock ticking, a line cook's prep period is over when the evening's first order arrives. If items remain on the to-do list and, like Marica, it's a small operation, the show must go on.

"Sometimes we run out of time," says Cheung.

So, instead of fragrant rice — the obvious choice for curry and seafood — Cheung settles for a starch already on hand.

Necessity forces invention, for worse or better. The random large chunks of Manila mango on my swordfish plate (\$18), for instance, are simplistic, yet perfect. Perhaps Cheung had planned a sophisticated salsa, but the untouched fruit turns out to be just the ticket.

When I ring Cheung's cell, he's chaperoning a half-dozen live crabs from Chinatown, where he paid \$2.99 a pound. Separating meat from shell is painstaking work, but the alternative — \$18.99 a pound crab meat — is unacceptable to Cheung.

The freshness pays off in Cheung's Chile Crab special (\$9). Cheung cracks and marinates raw legs in jalapeno and spice, then roasts them in a 500-degree oven with lots of salt and butter. A handful of avocado salsa is the final touch — meaning we start with two crab-avocado appetizers. The Crab Salad Timbale (\$9) stars an avocado mousse. The dish looks somewhat goopy, yet Cheung's keeps it light by deft use of citrus. The mayo dressing binding the crab meat is cut with lime



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and cilantro, while fillets of fresh grapefruit counter the creme-fraiche-loaded puree of avocado.

By the time our entrees arrive, I'm convinced Cheung has an avocado addiction (but I'm not suggesting rehab). All of our plates arrive with a spray of asparagus — some fat, some skinny — while the Coriander Crusted Sea Bass (\$18) is splashed with the same avocado salsa that graced our crab legs.

"That's a Christopher dish," says Kay of the sea bass. Kay and Ed are fans of the chef, and are the inspiration for our visit.

I see what Kay means. The dish practically has a neon sign flashing "Eat Me." A stack of crispy shoestring fries support gnarly chunks of glistening fish, flecked with cracked spice. A spoonful of aioli stains the fries, while the salsa is scattered about. The presentation is flawless without looking manicured.

The one dish that tries a little too hard, perhaps, is the Seafood Stew (\$20). The broth is intense: an inky red-black lobster stock that eats more like a sauce than a soup. In the bowl is a golden corn soufflé surrounded by jewels of scallop, shrimp and mushroom.

More true to Cheung's style are dishes that have natural finesse, such as our steamed mussels. The broth is murky with shellfish liquor, the mussels themselves black and sweet, the garnish a pristine julienne of aromatics: leeks, celery root and carrot.

Our last appetizer (\$7), arriving on a skinny rectangle — salad on one end, calamari on the other — has an Asian sensibility. The fried calamari is meltingly tender, its freshness undiminished by the lightest of crusts. Tatsoi, a green that looks like baby spinach and tastes of sprouts, is dressed with soy, ginger and fresh beets. All in all, a very dignified dish.

Between the charming gravity of our clear-eyed waitress and Nedda's sure-footed shaking (martinis) and pounding (mojitos), Marica itself has a dignified air. It's a calm confidence echoed by brick and fabric walls and an artsy blue curtain emblazoned with a superhero's "M" shielding the kitchen.

Perhaps it stands for Marathon Man.

Christopher Cheung has been a marker on California's culinary

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MARICA

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■ **SPECIAL AREA:** Window table, and a semi-private table in the rear that seats 6-8.

■ **SERVICE POINT:** Our attentive, unintrusive waitress was warm and well-grounded, with good food knowledge — reflecting the intelligent energy of the clientele.



Theater's so exaggerated

FAILING TO FIND a quotation to lead the column, I go with the most tropey. It's a bit unfair, since I'm longer around to defend it, but here's what the New York theater critic, Walter Kerr (1913-1996), wrote years ago:

"The most alarming about the contemporary can theater is the abnormality of its march toward extinction."

Of course, he was wrong about the Broadway theater. But there's a death march in the air. Here's the parade of theater fare over the next days, high-stepping smartly.

SHOTGUN PLAYERS opens "Night" by Roland Schimmelpenninck at 8 p.m. for a run through July 1 at Ashby Stage, 1901 Ashby Berkeley.

This is a U.S. premiere. David Tushingham's of the up-and-coming playwright's reflection of a dread Weber is directed by Kate Culbert.

Tickets are \$10-\$40. Call 510-841-6500 or www.shotgunplayers.org

CONTRA COSTA Contra Costa Civic Theatre next in line on June 3 opens a two-weekend Noel Coward's "Private Lives." The PlayMakers produced by Kate Culbert.

Remember the still-sparking old married couple now with new spouses and mooning at the same time by chance, and the members ain't cold yet. This best.

Tickets are \$10-\$20 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m. after is at 951 Pomona Cerrito. Call 510-528-4343

CAL SHAKES very next day, June 4. Shakes opens its 20th with "Othello" in the Memorial Amphitheatre Gateway Blvd., Orinda.

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Curtain at 8 p.m. at 6 p.m. Call the box office 510-548-9666 for performance dates and ticket prices. www.calshakes.org

MASQUERS GO LESS! On June 10, "The Musical" opens at the Community Playhouse, 1001 Place, Point Richmond. A weekend run through July 3.

This campy romp by and Marvin Laird, once Tammara Plankers, films like "The Bad News" "All About Eve." In New York, Outer Critics Circle for Best Off-Broadway.

A pretty prescient by the star of the then-unknown 10-year-old named Britney Spears. Tickets are \$15. Call 4031, or click www.masquers.org

PINOLE PLAYERS week later, on June 10, Community Playhouse's "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas," a reprise of a hit of a few years ago play at 8 p.m. Friday through July 3. Klein is holding the reins. Performances at Community Playhouse, 1001 Ave., Pinole. Call 4031, or click www.pinoles.com

Sorry, Mr. Kerr. Prediction half a century ago seems to have been right.

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Section D

2006 Infiniti M loaded with simply marvelous features

BY TOM KEANE
MOTOR MATTERS

I've been wondering about the 2006 Infiniti M. What does the letter M mean?

The new Infiniti is a five-passenger rear-wheel drive sedan that is available in two models: M45 and M35. Both models offer a sport model. In addition, the M45 has an all-wheel drive option. Prices range from \$40,100, up to \$48,500, and both are equipped with a manual or automatic with a manual shift.

The M35 has a 280-horsepower V6 engine, while the M45 has a 335-horsepower V8. The M35 sport. This car has two body styles. One is a sporty appearance; the other is a more luxurious look. The M35 flows back to the A-pillar area, a tiger about to pounce. But the headlamp assembly, plus a subtle touch on the long wheelbase provided this new machine with a sophisticated appearance for it was composed of numerous attention to detail.

My impression became more obvious when I got in the car and began driving. The five-passenger sedan. It was with wireless technology, even having the car. For example, with the M35 in my pocket and my foot on the pedal, I simply pressed the button on the dashboard and I was off. The same procedure turns the car off, and I couldn't lock the car. I was outside the car. This marvelous prevented me from locking the car in the car.

Another meaningful feature is the Lane Departure Warning. At speeds of 45 mph or more, if I unintentionally wandered out of my lane (not using turn signals), a warning sound. A small camera mounted behind the rearview mirror would alert the driver of position.

Advanced technology, including wireless technology, there is an In-Motion System with a 7-inch LCD screen and voice recognition, I could



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THE ALL-NEW INFINITI is a five-passenger rear-wheel drive sedan that is available in two models: M45 and M35.

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get information such as the tire pressure.

The Infiniti M also has Rear Active Steering system, which determines the car's dynamics from a series of sensors that calculate the speed and steering angle and changes the geometry of the rear suspension accordingly. This results in exceptional maneuverability and handling.

This car has a marvelous braking system, featuring four-wheel disc brakes, anti-lock braking system, and electronic brake force distribution. Every time I applied the brakes, even in a panic stop situation, I felt very secure.

The LCD screen was helpful in backing up as it provided a wide view, allowing me to clearly see what surrounded the rear of the car. Another feature with merit is on the cruise control. While on a

INFINITI M35

Vehicle Type	Five-passenger, four-door, rear-wheel drive, sedan
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Engine Type	V6 DOHC 24-valve w/SPFI
Horsepower	280 @ 6,200 rpm
Torque	270 @ 4,800 rpm
Transmission	Five-speed automatic w/manual shifter
Wheelbase	114 inches
Height	59 inches
Curb Weight	3,880 pounds
Fuel Capacity	20 gallons
Mileage	City/highway 18/25

highway, I simply set the desired speed. The M35 uses a laser sensor, throttle and brake control to automatically adjust the set speed, allowing me to travel a safe distance behind the car ahead.

The interior has upscale comforts throughout, including such things as a

six-disc auto-changer with MP3 compatibility. On my tester, the front seats had climate control. The instrumentation was easy to use and the Bose sound system with 14 speakers wasn't too hard to take.

As expected of a car of this caliber, it contains all the latest safety and security

systems with zone body construction and front and rear crumple zones, dual-stage airbags and side-impact curtain airbags.

Now it occurs to me what the M stands for. I just used such words as meticulous, merit, and meaningful. Collectively, resulting in a marvelous car, marvelous with a capital M.

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Restored 1957 Jaguar never sees a drop of rain — just plenty of sunsh

BY VERN PARKER
MOTOR MATTERS

Young lawyer Jim Sasser first saw the used 1957 Jaguar XK140 drophead coupe in 1965. He was practicing law in Nashville, loved the looks of the Jaguar, and quickly became the fourth owner.

He soon learned the 14-foot, 8-inch-long car with the 3.4-liter, inline six-cylinder engine, required 26.5 pints of oil and 30 pints of coolant to be happy. By keeping the fluid levels topped off and the 16.75-gallon gasoline tank full, he enjoyed the car during the next decade.

The small, occasional seats behind the front bucket seats seemed to have been made for the Sasser's young children when Elizabeth and Gray came along. In the mid-1970s, with the odometer nearing 85,000 miles, the well-worn Jaguar was put in storage with restoration in mind. In 1976, Sasser was elected to the U.S. Senate for the first of three terms, a Democrat representing Tennessee. Finding time for the restoration of the Jaguar was difficult, but, eventually, work on the car began. Sasser soon decided that the shop doing the work was taking too much time, as well as charging more than he wanted to spend. Work ceased.

While visiting constituents in the mid-1990s, he saw an impressive, freshly restored car. The owner of the car told him that a remarkable shop in Rossville, Tenn., a little town outside of Memphis, was responsible for the outstanding restoration.

The senator's Jaguar was auctioned before the shop owner and was deemed to be of restoration quality. The work began about the time in 1995 when

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Sasser was appointed U.S. ambassador to China. He left the Jaguar behind in Tennessee.

When you are on one side of the world and your antique automobile is being restored on the other side, it is important to have a full measure of trust between the two parties. While Sasser was in China, his Jaguar's engine was rebuilt, with a Type C cylinder head. The four-speed manual transmission also was rehabilitated during the same period. One mechanic told Sasser that his transmission "looked like a Studebaker truck transmission. There were a few teeth knocked off the first gear," Sasser acknowledges.

Currently, a pair of S.U. carburetors flawlessly feed fuel to the powerful engine. Four 6.00x16-inch Michelin tires are wrapped around a set of Dayton stainless-steel wire wheels that have never been dirty. They literally flash reflected sunlight as the Jaguar is driven down the street.

While all the brightwork on the Jaguar was sent off for re-plating, the steel shell of the car received several coats of Old English White to match the color it wore when it left the Coventry factory in Great Britain.

The highly polished wooden dashboard appears almost too perfect, from the twin ashtrays at the top to the cavities housing the 140-mph speedometer and the 6,000-rpm tachometer. The rest of the cockpit is covered in either Connolly red leather or red carpeting. The black top is trimmed in red piping.

Comfortably settled in the dri-



SASSER AROSE WITH THE SUN and was sitting on the porch of his home drinking coffee when a truck rolled to a stop at 7 a.m. to be restored 1957 Jaguar XK140.

ver's seat, Sasser adjusts the seat and black telescopic four-spoke steering wheel to his satisfaction while peering down the long hood through the two-piece windshield. "This car is very dependable," Sasser says. "It's so unlike the early Jags," he says, jokingly.

Sasser returned from China in July 1999 and rushed to the restoration shop. "It was all done but the top," he recalls. He had the car trucked to a Rhode Island top shop.

In the early spring of 2001, Sasser received a telephone message from a truck driver saying his Jaguar was going to be

delivered early the next morning.

Sasser arose with the sun and was sitting on the porch of his home drinking coffee when a truck rolled to a stop at 7 a.m. He anxiously awaited the completely restored Jaguar to roll out of the truck on its 102-inch wheelbase. Since restoration the car has never been out in rain, Sasser says.

For your car to become the subject of the Classic Classics column, send a photo (frontal 3/4 view) plus brief details and phone number to Vern Parker, 2221 Abbotford Drive, Vienna, VA 22181. Only photos of good quality will be considered.

Brake squeak is related to pads and rotor

BY JUNIOR DAMATO
MOTOR MATTERS

Dear Doctor: I own a 2000 Saturn station wagon with 28,000 miles. The problem is the brakes often squeak when slowing down. I had the dealer check the brakes and was told they are fine. The squeak is driving me crazy. — Corinne

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Dear Corinne: Brake squeak can be traced back to non-factory brake pads or shoes, loose mounted brake pads with improper fit, missing hardware, or glazed brake rotors. I always use new shims

and hardware and original manufacturer brake pads. I also apply anti-squeak compound on the non-friction side of the brake pads. Have the shop remove and deglaze or resurface the brake rotor. Before the rotor is installed, it should be washed with warm soap and water to remove any loose metal.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1972 Plymouth Duster 340 V-8 with the original Thermoquad carburetor, which is in need of replacement. There are so many carburetors to choose from, I do not know what would be best, and the choice between

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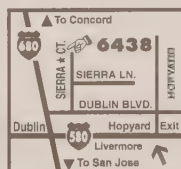
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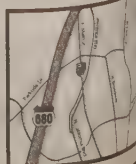
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UAW not entirely to blame for Detroit's money woes

BY MICHELLE KREBS
MOTOR MATTERS

SHE'S FREEWHEELING

When I have the honor of serving as a panel discussion moderator of the history and current state of the automotive industry, I am always pleased to have Doug Fraser, president of the United Auto Workers union, on the panel. It was a turbulent time in 1977. It was a turbulent time in the auto industry, as it was in the rest of the country. The industry was reeling from the fuel crises of the early 1970s and the recession of the early 1980s. The industry made concessions to Detroit. Concessions. GM and Chrysler, are losing market share. I supported a \$1.1 billion loss for Chrysler. Ford says it is not profitable. The second quarter. Again, the automakers are seeking the union in the contract that does-

n't expire until 2007. But what I find disturbing is all the finger-pointing at the union, blaming represented workers for the rising health care costs and high pension costs — or what we know in Detroit as "legacy costs."

On the very day that I moderated the panel, I heard a comment from a mid-level General Motors exec, who pointed the finger at Fraser and other union leaders, blaming them for creating the mess GM is in.

Well, let's set the record straight.

To begin with, a contract is a piece of paper signed by two parties. GM, Ford and Chrysler signed the contracts that were negotiated with the UAW. Indeed, some changes — usually the downward kind — occur seemingly overnight in this industry, and adaptation is required — on both sides. Seems to me if the blue-collar folks must sacrifice, then, so too, must the white-collar people.

Secondly, every hard-won element of a union contract also benefits white-collar employees. Detroit's automotive

salaried employees, despite their whining, are extremely well paid and enjoy fine benefits, thanks, in part, to the UAW. In fact, their Asian and European counterparts aren't nearly as well compensated. I know of specific situations when a foreign automaker has tried to hire someone from Detroit and can't match the compensation. Mid- to upper-level managers make more money than some of the vice presidents and executive vice presidents at foreign companies. That point was driven home when Daimler-Benz bought Chrysler, and it was revealed that many Chrysler executives were paid far more than high-level Daimler ones.

Further, as Fraser points out, the UAW never wanted health care to be part of its negotiations with the automakers. At every panel discussion I've moderated, Fraser pulls from his pocket the very first UAW contract. It's about the size of a passport, containing all of 16 pages — half of which contain bragging by the negotiators on what a good job they did and the other half covering the rights of workers.

It was decades after that first contract that health care became part of the document, and then only with a provision for the companies to deduct health-care pre-

miums from the workers' pay, with no company contribution. Fraser argued that all Americans deserve the health-care benefits that UAW members enjoy.

I won't — nor will Fraser — call the legacy and health-care problems Detroit is facing a red herring. For sure, health care, especially, is a serious issue not only for Detroit automakers, but also for the entire country.

But it is only part of the picture of Detroit automakers' woes. The bigger point — and this has been written over and over — is that it's the product, stupid. And there, the blame falls on management, which makes decisions on what cars and trucks to make and then designs and engineers them.

Fraser points to the Pontiac Aztek as the poster child for the "public doesn't want" vs. the "buyers gotta have" model that GM talks about. On the Aztek, Fraser humorously remarked: "I wouldn't want its designer picking my girlfriend for me."

My advice to Detroit automakers is quit pointing the finger at just the union. There's plenty of blame to go around for your problems. Energy used for assigning blame could be better used on seeking solutions.

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vacuum or mechanical secondary has me confused. What do you suggest? — Gary

Dear Gary: Edelbrock makes a direct Thermoquad replacement: Part No. EDL-1903. The list price is \$509.95, through any performance catalog. Check the size before installation in case it does not fit properly and needs to be returned. The full mechanical secondary is great for all-out performance, but not for a daily driver.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1999 GMC Sierra. My concern is the Dexcool antifreeze. The dealer says there is nothing wrong with it. But when I ask at other garages, I'm told it has caused many expensive cooling system repairs. Should I flush it out, and can I replace it with the old-style green antifreeze? — Ron

Dear Ron: Dexcool antifreeze has caused some problems over the years in many GM vehicles. I currently have Dexcool in my 2004 GM pickup and 2002 Pontiac Grand Prix.

However, I recommend flushing the cooling system at three-year intervals with Dexcool, or sooner if the color changes to rusty brown or it starts caking up. On

the 1996 GM vehicles that had the most serious coolant problems, I recommend complete flushing and switching over to the old green coolant.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1983 Chevrolet Caprice wagon that needs rear brake-backing plates. The backing plates are no longer available from GM or in parts stores. What can I do? — Ned

Dear Ned: I checked with our local parts supplier for aftermarket backing plates, and learned none was available. I also contacted our local Chevrolet dealer and asked them to do a national parts locator search. Rizer Chevrolet in Walterboro, S.C. has two of the brake backing plates that you are looking for: Part No. 18002390.

Dear Doctor: Please give me your thoughts on air filters. I bought a K&N air filter a couple of years ago. It seems I have to clean it often. They tell me even when it is dirty it is better than the disposable paper type filter. I live in California by the beach. I just ordered a new K&N with the protective wall around it. Will this help keep it clean? — Gary

Dear Gary: The oil-coated filters will get dirty and change color as the miles add up. Living by the beach with a lot of sand in the air will require cleaning the filter sooner. The key to the air filter working properly is the oil film that holds the dirt in place. The oil type filters require

cleaning, while the paper filters are disposable.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1994 Cadillac DeVille. The shifter has been getting harder to move over the last year, yet the transmission operates fine. What may be the cause? — Earl

Dear Earl: The most common cause of stiff shifters is the shift cable that connects from the steering column to the transmission. At some point in time it will simply bind up completely. It would be a good idea to have it checked as soon as possible, before it locks up.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1999 Mercedes-Benz C280. I have had an ongoing problem with the driver's front power window. The dealer replaced the module, then replaced the switch. The window will work for a day or two, and then stop. — Howard

Dear Howard: Vehicles that are equipped with power windows have mini-control units built into each window regulator assembly.

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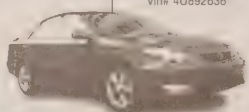
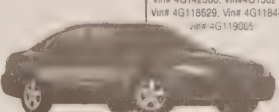
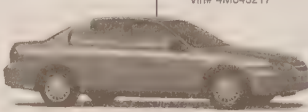
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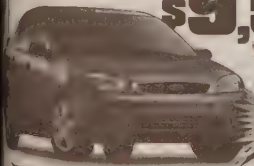
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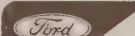
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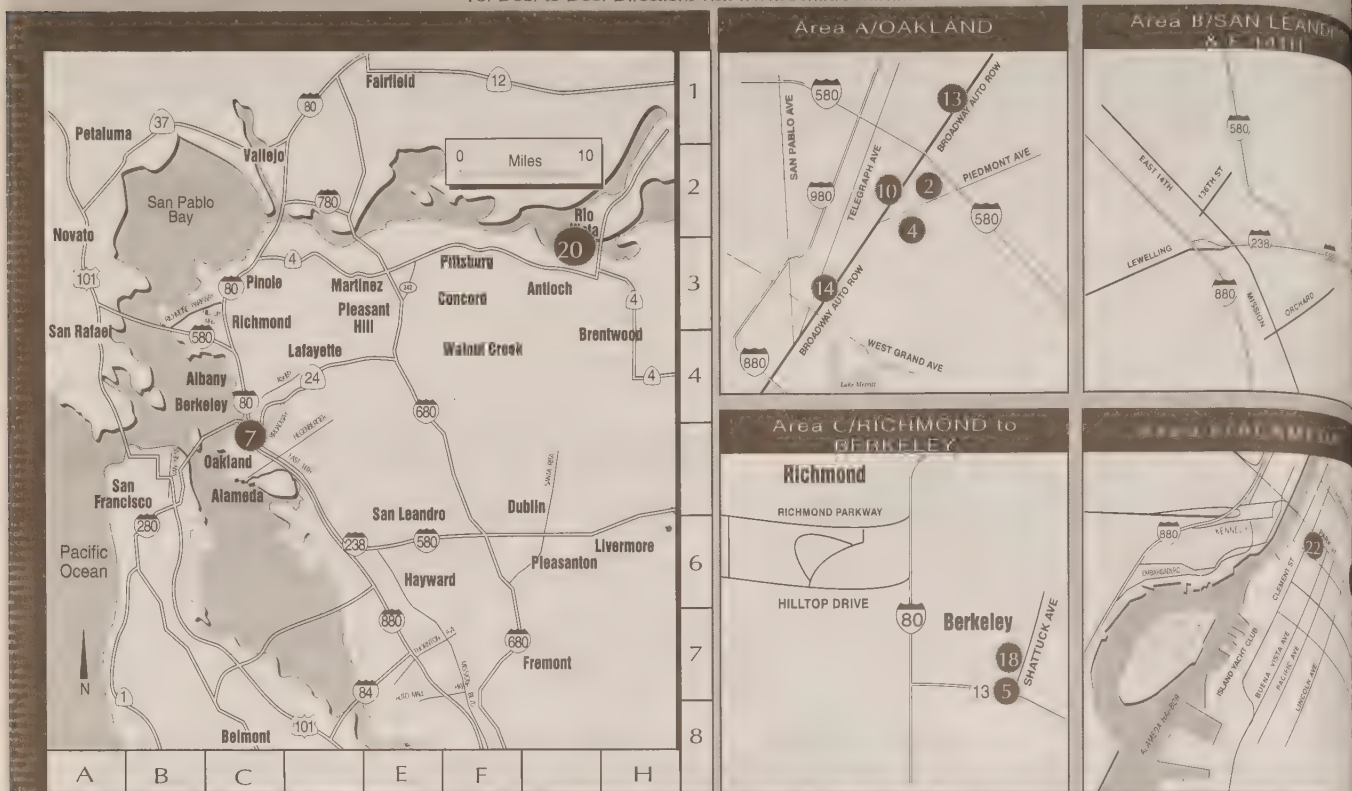
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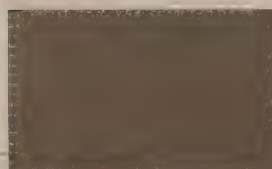
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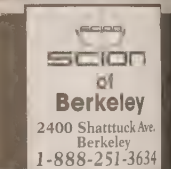
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Ah, summer. A time for freedom and adventure, a time when the child in all of us pokes his head around the corner of our busy lives and asks, "Can I go out and play?" Yes, you can, and this guide to summertime fun can get you started.

Experts explain, step by step, how to do several activities synonymous with summer, such as making lemonade. Even if you haven't picked up a baseball for years and wouldn't be caught dead water-skiing — especially without the skis — their insights should put you in the right frame of mind to enjoy the long, hot, action-packed days ahead.

HOW TO "TALK" TO FIREFLIES

By Randall Lockwood, animal behaviorist and vice president for research and educational outreach, Humane Society of the United States

1. To talk to the fireflies in your yard, you'll need a small penlight — a regular flashlight is too big to simulate a firefly's flash, so look for the smallest light you can find. A yellow or green light that looks more like a firefly is better than a normal white light.
2. Sit quietly on your porch or deck and pay close attention to how the fireflies communicate with their flashes. You might have several species of fireflies in your yard, and each might speak a different "language." Note how they move as they flash, and the frequency and length of their flashes.
3. Usually, female fireflies stay close to the ground on blades of grass or branches, and males stay in the air. Try to find a male and female "talking" to one another. When you see a flying male flash, count how long it takes before a nearby female flashes back.
4. Use your penlight to replicate the flashes you've seen. Try different patterns of flashes to see how many fireflies you can "call" to you.
5. If you want to observe the fireflies after you've called them, catch them in a well-ventilated container. (One of the mesh firefly catchers available at stores is better than a glass jar.) But once you've watched them for a little while, release the bugs back into the night.

HOW TO PLAY PEPPER

By Jim Thomas, assistant baseball coach, Wichita State University

1. Pepper is an old-fashioned baseball game that teaches bat control and the fundamentals of fielding. You can play with just two players — one hitting and one fielding. More players add to the fun.
2. The fielders stand 20 to 30 feet from the batter. A fielder gently tosses the baseball to the batter.
3. Choking up on the bat, the batter taps a grounder back to the fielder, who scoops up the ball and tosses it gently back to the batter, who then taps a grounder back, and so on.
4. With more than one fielder, the batter tries to hit grounders to each fielder in order. If the batter hits a ball in the air, the fielder who gloves the ball becomes the batter.
5. You can add "flip" to the pepper game. When the fielder gloves the grounder, he flips the ball with his glove to the player next to him, who catches it in his glove and then flips it to the next player, and on down the line. The last player in line then tosses the ball to the batter, and the game repeats.

HOW TO MAKE CONDITIONING HAIR SPRITZER

By Jennifer Traig, author, "Crafty Girl: Hair" (Chronicle Books)

1. In a spray bottle, combine 2 tablespoons of coconut milk and 6 tablespoons of water. Once you've tested a batch, you can change the ratios according to your hair's needs. Use more coconut milk for heavier conditioning and more water for lighter conditioning.
2. Shake bottle well to mix ingredients.
3. Spray mixture on frizzy, fried locks. Go easy — a little goes a long way. If you use too much, your hair may feel stiff. (This spray provides great curl definition, but it's good for any kind of hair.) Don't wash out.
4. Store leftover spritzer in the refrigerator. It doesn't have any preservatives, so it can go bad.

HOW TO WATER-SKI BAREFOOT

By Bob Garlick, Marine World, Wichita, Kan.

1. For beginners, there are booms that stick out 8 feet from the side of the ski boat that act as training wheels — you sit in an "easy-footer" (like a swing seat) and hold on to an aluminum bar so you can get the feel of the mechanics of barefoot water-skiing without falling.
2. Start in a chair position with your knees touching and bent at nearly 90 degrees. Keep your feet shoulder-width apart, forming a triangle with your feet and knees.
3. Keep your arms straight out while holding on to the bar (or the ski rope). Put all your weight gently on your heels. It is natural to want to straighten your legs to stand up, but keep your legs bent in the chair position and slowly set all your weight on your feet. Flex your toes up a little bit so the water hits just behind the ball of your foot on your arch.
4. To launch with a long rope from behind the boat, hook the arches of your feet over the rope, hold your head back, hold the rope handle on your gut and stretch out, using your body as a water ski. As you plane across the water, bend your knees, place them together and lift your feet off the rope. As the boat speed increases, lower your feet into the water and let the boat pull you out of the water.

HOW TO MAKE LEMONADE

By Jennifer Ray, bartender at Larkspur, Wichita, Kan.

1. Take 20 large lemons. Cut them in half and squeeze out the juice. You'll need four cups of fresh juice. To get the juice out faster, soak the lemons in hot water for 20 minutes before cutting.
2. Pour the juice into a one-gallon pitcher. Add 3 cups of sugar. Fill the pitcher with hot water (it helps the sugar dissolve). Stir.
3. Pour over ice; add a splash of 7-Up.
4. For limeade, repeat using limes.
5. For extra color and flavor, add a fruit syrup or grenadine. For a slushee, add fresh or frozen strawberries and a little ice to the lemonade and mix in a blender.

HOW TO ARRANGE GARDEN FLOWERS

By Anita Phillips, florist, Esprit de Fleur, Wichita, Kan.

1. Cut flowers early in the day before it gets hot to increase their vase life. Choose some blooms that are open, others that are just budding. These will open in the bouquet.
2. Place flowers in a bucket of warm water as you cut them.
3. Before arranging, strip the foliage from the part of the stems that will be underwater in the vase. (Foliage in the water creates bacteria that lessens vase life.) Keep upper leaves for filler. If you want the blooms to open quicker, strip off all the foliage.
4. Pick tall flowers, like delphiniums, snapdragons and larkspur to add height to your arrangement. Use lilies or roses for focal-point flowers. Use smaller flowers or other foliage for filler.
5. Go minimal. Place a single flower in a votive cup or juice glass. A row of these make an attractive centerpiece.
6. Place flowers throughout your home.
7. Don't use preservatives in the water. Change the water daily and your flowers will remain fresh for three to five days.

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Speed Cleaning 101

BY KATHY VAN MULLEKOM
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NEWPORT NEWS, Va. — Spring showers awaken more than just May flowers.

The itty-bitsy spider crawls up the waterspout — and into your house to weave webs in the corners of your rooms. Then the sun comes out, shining like a spotlight on all the dust bunnies hopping across your floors.

Suddenly, you're faced with a dreaded decision. Do you go bike riding or throw yourself into a spring-cleaning frenzy?

You can do both. You just need to learn a little about speed cleaning.

"If someone stays organized, it's easy," says Pat Stanley, owner of American Maid Service in Newport News, Va.

"It's harder to clean when you have a lot of stuff, knickknacks, all over the place."

Clutter-control expert and author Paula Jung agrees.

She describes the affliction affecting American homes as TMS — the "too much stuff" syndrome.

A surplus of stuff not only makes cleaning harder, it makes liv-

ing harder since there's a definite stress-mess connection," says the author of "Cleaning and the Meaning of Life: Simple Solutions to Declutter Your Home and Beautify Your Life."

"Once we get in the habit of pruning clutter on a regular basis, day-to-day living flows and cleaning becomes a piece of cake — well, almost."

So, get on your mark and get set to do some speed cleaning, using these tips from cleaning professionals.

Then you can go out and enjoy a healthy bike ride, knowing you will return to sparkling rooms.

Tools and cleaners

Less can be more when it comes to tools and cleaning products. For instance, a microfibre cleaning cloth will clean 90 percent of the surfaces in your home — glass, mirrors, leather, brass, marble, oak, walls and laminate — without chemicals, according to the book "Speed Cleaning 101."

Here are a few additional suggestions:

■ Simple Green can replace a slew of specialty products because

it works on floors, counters, ovens, laundry, even fireplace brick, depending on how it's diluted, says Jung.

■ Top Job breaks through nicotine stains and smells, and can be safely used on painted and stained wood, says Stanley. And it won't "eat up" blind strings like bleach does. It's one of the best all-purpose cleaners you can get.

■ Waxing wood twice a year with a good paste wax like Howard Citrus Shield — found at Home Depot — means you can skip the silicone polishes like Pledge and Endust since they actually attract dust.

■ Select one good glass and mirror cleaner.

■ Other basic, multi-purpose cleaners include Pine-Sol, Old English, bleach and Murphy's Oil Soap. Always read the label for uses.

■ For cleaning rags, use all-cotton bar towels (available in bundles from places such as Costco and Sam's Club) or soft, absorbent dispoers.

■ Assemble all your products together, including a small bucket with handle, hand-protecting gloves, mop and maybe one nonabrasive scrubbing-type brush.

"Sealing most surfaces: i.e. stone with a stone sealer, fabric with Scotchguard, window sills and shutters with polyurethane, will lighten the cleaning caddy and re-

duce the need for weekly chemical warfare," says Jung.

Ready, set, clean!

Bedrooms

■ After five years of regular use, 10 percent of a pillow's weight is dust mites (and mite feces). They're a pain to wash so protect them with hypoallergenic covers.

■ Bedding is one of the biggest magnets for dust and the allergens it harbors. Strip the bed and wash all the stuff that doesn't get a weekly cleaning such as your comforters, quilt, mattress pad, pillows, bed skirt and blankets.

■ Vacuum corners and baseboards first — for corners, use the wand attachment — then work your way toward the center of the room.

■ Body oils and perspiration pass through sheets and onto your mattress. Vacuum your mattress, then shield it with an impermeable cover under your mattress pad or featherbed.

Living room

■ Don't polish your furniture! Polish makes wood surfaces look good for a short time, but it also creates a sticky layer of gunk that attracts more dust. Stick with a damp microfibre cloth.

■ Dust from top to bottom so you're pulling the dust in the right direction. Start with pictures and window frames, then work your way down to vases and other objects.

■ Vacuum drapes with an upholstery attachment, or send them to the dry cleaner; 80 percent of dust on your drapes will be on the top 2 inches and bottom 12 inches, so skip vacuuming the middle part.

Closet

■ Cardboard boxes can leech dyes from clothes. Instead, store winter colors in polyester bags like the ones dry cleaners use.

■ Donate or toss old clothes that don't fit anymore to create more room.

■ Overlooked stains can become permanent over time, so inspect clothes under bright light — flip collars and cuffs too — before tucking them away for winter storage.

■ Ditch dry cleaning bags once clothes make it home. Fabrics stored inside plastic bags can't breathe, so faint or invisible stains (like perfume spots) darken faster.

Kitchen

■ Mopping made easier — use two buckets instead of one. Fill one halfway with water and a spoonful of dishwashing detergent. Wring

your mop out in the empty bucket — or in the sink if you're working with one bucket — to avoid cleaning with dirty water.

■ Use a mop instead of a sponge to mop walls. You'll cut your time in half and save your back.

■ Run the dishwasher empty for one hot cycle with no soap to give it a refresher.

Entryway

■ Keep drippy umbrellas and dirty sports equipment in stands and baskets to contain the mess at the door. You can do the same to organize shoes if taken off at the door.

■ Station a bag of clean rags by the door so you can handle your dog's muddy paws right as he walks in.

■ Clean your outdoor mat. Shake it out and hose it down so it can do its job well.

In the book "Speed Cleaning 101," author Laura Dellutri tells how you can speed clean your bathroom in 10 minutes or less, instead of 25 minutes using the old-fashioned method.

However, you need to do one deep cleaning before using the speed-cleaning techniques. Her book (\$15) outlines deep-cleaning and speed-cleaning techniques for all rooms in your home.

■ When you start the room, first add a disinfectant cleaner to the toilet bowl and let it sit while you do the rest of the room.

■ Dust with a microfibre cloth, use a disinfecting glass cleaner on the mirror, counter and sink fixtures; let it sit for the recommended time, then buff with a dry cloth.

■ Spray the shower with an all-purpose bathroom cleaner, rub it in, rinse and dry.

■ For mold removal, spray full-strength peroxide, leave it on the surface 3 to 5 minutes, scrub with a grout brush.

■ For a dirty tub, use a cream cleanser and scrub pad, working in circles.

■ Use a toothbrush to clean the shower tracks and around the shower fixtures.

■ For shower doors with a white, chalky look from mineral-scale buildup, clean with a lime remover on a scrub pad and rinse well.

■ Lemon oil trick: Apply lemon oil to your shower doors twice a month, using 2 to 3 teaspoons of lemon oil on a dry cloth. Apply in overlapping horizontal strokes, not in circles.

The oil makes shampoo, soap scum and grimy water bead up on

the glass, then roll it off.

■ Back to the bathroom: you earlier poured cleaner. Spray cleaner on the tank lid, from base and anchor of toilet.

Using a disposable cloth, wipe down all surfaces. Scrub the inside of the bowl brush, or use a toilet brush.

Flush and wipe all a dry cloth.

■ In a small bathroom, wash the floor, using a cleaning solution or water to clean and prepare on no-wax floors. Use a heavily soiled floor mat.

Cleaning a small flat 1 minute, with a mop works best.

For more cleaning and shortcuts, visit the line at healthymagazine.com

Emergency cleaning caddy

Keep these supplies so you can do a 30-minute job before coming through the door:

- Glass cleaner with wiper
- Four to six microfibre cloths
- Ostrich feather duster
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PAT STANLEY of American Maid Service speed cleans a home in Newport News, Va.

Give your home a facelift by enhancing your front entrance

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If you long to give your home that sought-after "curb appeal," consider starting with your front entrance.

"Your front entrance is so important when making that 'first impression,' because it's really the 'face' of your home," said David Erickson, general manager of Lafayette Ace Hardware. "It's smart to keep the entryway in top shape whether you're selling your house or staying in it for years to come."

Following are 10 easy improvements from Erickson to help give your home a facelift:

■ **Repair the walkway:** Patch cracks and replace loose bricks and pavers. Rent a power washer or purchase a chemical treatment to clean up embedded stains in concrete,

stone or asphalt.

■ **Illuminate the path:** Lighting helps ensure guests arrive safely and also acts as a theft deterrent. Clean light fixtures and replace burnt-out bulbs with energy-saving CFL bulbs, replace outdated fixtures and add landscape lighting to brighten walkways and shrubbery.

■ **Use foliage and shrubbery:** Strategically-placed plants can conceal any unattractive aspects of your house or surroundings. Place large pots or hanging baskets around the stoop or porch. Bushes or hedges hide air conditioning units or propane tanks, and flower beds and window boxes will stylize a stark facade.

■ **Prune and mulch:** Prune dead branches, trim back overgrown shrubbery or remove obstructive

plantings. Spread mulch or bark around trees, shrubs and flowers for a weed-free, well-kept look.

■ **Decorate your door:** Restore the luster of your door by polishing the hinges and knobs. Paint or stain the door with a color that stands out, yet complements the trim and siding. Hang a pretty wreath to finish the look. If your front door is weak or unattractive, invest in a replacement door or storm door for security and energy efficiency.

■ **Focus on windows:** Fix broken windows and torn screens and paint sashes, trim and shutters in a neutral color. Add window treatments and keep the glass crystal clear.

■ **Accessorize:** Choose a few lawn and garden ornaments. Match a decorative handle, door knocker or kickplate with shiny new house numbers and a mailbox.

■ **Feature furniture:** Spray a fresh coat of paint on furniture and replace the cushions. Fill an empty

spot on the porch or stoop with a quaint bench or porch swing.

■ **Keep it clean:** Sweep the sidewalk and stoop, clear away cobwebs, tighten wobbly railings and re-

paint posts and support.

■ **The finishing touch:** Clean, new welcome mat. Measure the doorbell. Work on your landscaping. You're sure to attract more

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THE BEST BURGERS

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Burgers are the number one down favorite for the nation's gourmet creations. Sutter Home Winery's "Build A Better Burger" recipe contest will crown the nation's best burger. They show how versatile ground beef can be with flavor favorites from portobello mushrooms, Gorgonzola cheese, sun-dried tomatoes, and, of course, wine.

HOW TO BUILD A BETTER BURGER

The experts at the Beef & Veal Center recommend using lean ground beef (which is 80/20 lean-fat ratio) or ground beef for the juiciest burgers. For the best results, mix and patty gently but thoroughly. Cook burgers over medium heat (3-4 inches thick) patties (cook burgers over medium heat or gas), turning occasionally. Turn burgers with a spatula to flatten or press during cooking.

Cook burgers to medium (160 degrees) or until they are no longer pink and show no pink color. Use an instant-read thermometer inserted into the burger to check temperature.

For more burger recipes and tips, visit www.BeeftsWhats.com.

WINE NOTES

Sutter Home's executive chef, Stuart, suggests spicy Zinfandel or a full-bodied Cabernet with these burgers —

both in the recipes and to drink. But his best advice: Drink the wine you like with the food you like. It's really up to you.

■ In celebration of the 15th anniversary of the contest, a new cookbook, "Build A Better Burger" (Ten Speed Press, \$19.95), chronicles the winery's annual search for the best burgers. It contains winning recipes, wine pairing pointers and more. Look for it in bookstores or online at www.buildabetterburger.com.

■ For complete Build A Better Burger contest rules, log onto www.buildabetterburger.com. Entries will be accepted between May 30 and August 26, 2005.

TUSCAN BURGERS BRUSCHETTA

1-1/2 pounds ground beef
3/4 cup crumbled Gorgonzola cheese
2 tablespoons chopped onion
1-1/2 tablespoons finely chopped fresh Italian parsley
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
4 thin slices prosciutto (about 1/2 ounce each)
1-1/2 cups shredded fontina cheese
8 slices Italian bread (1/2 to 3/4 inch thick)
Extra virgin olive oil*
Tomato Topping:
1 medium tomato, chopped
3 tablespoons freshly grated Parmesan cheese
3 tablespoons finely chopped fresh basil
3 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil*

2 tablespoons finely chopped fresh Italian parsley
2 cloves garlic, minced
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
Combine tomato topping ingredients in small bowl, seasoning with salt and pepper, as desired. Set aside.

Combine ground beef, Gorgonzola cheese, onion and parsley in large bowl, seasoning with salt and pepper, as desired, and mixing lightly but thoroughly. Lightly shape into four 3/4-inch thick patties.

Place patties on grid over medium, ash-covered coals. Grill, uncovered, 13 to 15 minutes to medium (160 degrees) doneness, until not pink in center and juices show no pink color, turning occasionally. During last 2 to 3 minutes of grilling, top each burger with prosciutto slice and 1/4 of fontina cheese.

Meanwhile brush both sides of bread slices with oil. About 2 minutes before burgers are done, place bread on grid. Grill until lightly

turning once. Spoon 1/2 of tomato topping on 4 bread slices; top with burgers and remaining tomato topping. Close sandwiches.

Total preparation and cooking time: 45 to 50 minutes; makes 4 servings.

Cook's Tip: An equal amount of baked or boiled (not smoked) thinly sliced ham may be substituted for prosciutto.

NAPA VALLEY BASIL-SMOKED BURGERS

1-1/2 pounds ground beef
3 tablespoons soft Italian bread crumbs
3 tablespoons minced red onion
3 tablespoons finely chopped fresh basil, lightly packed
3 tablespoons Sutter Home Zinfandel, or other dry red wine
6 oil-packed sun-dried tomatoes, finely chopped
1-1/2 teaspoons garlic salt
8 large sprigs fresh basil
4 large poppy seed or sesame seed sandwich rolls, split
4 slices Monterey Jack cheese (about 3/4 ounce each)
4 leaves red leaf lettuce
4 large slices tomato (about 1/4 inch thick)
4 very thin red onion slices, separated into rings
4 small sprigs fresh basil
Pesto Mayonnaise:
1/2 cup mayonnaise
1 tablespoon prepared basil pesto sauce
Combine pesto mayonnaise ingredients in small bowl. Cover and refrigerate.

Combine ground beef, bread crumbs, onion, chopped basil, wine, sun-dried tomatoes and garlic salt in large bowl, mixing lightly but thoroughly. Lightly shape into four 3/4-inch thick patties.

Moisten 8 large basil sprigs with water; toss sprigs directly onto medium, ash-covered coals just before grilling patties. Place patties on grid directly over basil sprigs. Grill, uncovered, 13 to 15 minutes to medium (160 degrees) doneness, until not pink in center and juices show no pink color, turning occasionally.

About 2 minutes before burgers are done, place rolls, cut sides down, around outer edge of grid. Grill until lightly toasted. During the last minute of grilling, top each burger with cheese slice.

Spread pesto mayonnaise evenly over cut sides of rolls. Line bottom of each roll with lettuce leaf; top with burger, tomato slice, onion rings and basil sprig. Close sandwiches.

Total preparation and cooking time: 45 to 50 minutes; makes 4 servings.

Cook's Tip: To make soft bread

crumbs, place torn bread in food processor or blender container. Cover; pulse on and off to form fine crumbs. Regular white bread can be substituted.

PORTOBELLO BURGERS

1-1/2 pounds ground beef
1/4 cup finely chopped shallots
3 tablespoons Sutter Home Zinfandel, or other dry red wine
2 teaspoons ground cumin
1/4 teaspoon ground red pepper
4 pieces focaccia bread, about 4 inches wide, cut in half horizontally or 4 onion rolls, split
16 arugula leaves
1/2 cup crumbled goat cheese
Sun-Dried Tomato Mayonnaise:
1/3 cup mayonnaise
1/4 cup chopped oil-packed sun-dried tomatoes
Seasoning:
1 tablespoon chopped fresh thyme
2 teaspoons chopped fresh oregano
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

Marinated Portobellos:
1/4 cup Sutter Home Zinfandel, or other dry red wine
2 tablespoons olive oil*
1 teaspoon freshly grated lemon peel
4 large (about 3-inch diameter) portobello mushrooms, stems removed
Combine sun-dried tomato mayonnaise ingredients in small bowl. Cover and refrigerate.

Combine seasoning ingredients in small bowl. Set aside. Prepare portobello mushrooms. Whisk wine, oil, lemon peel and 1 tablespoon of seasoning mixture in small bowl until blended. Place mushrooms in glass dish. Pour marinade over mushrooms; turn mushrooms to coat. Set aside.

Combine ground beef, shallots, wine, cumin, red pepper and remaining seasoning mixture in large bowl, mixing lightly but thoroughly. Lightly shape into four 3/4-inch thick patties. Remove mushrooms from marinade; reserve marinade. Place mushrooms on grid over medium, ash-covered coals. Grill, uncovered, 16 to 18 minutes or until tender, turning once and brushing with reserved marinade. About 10 minutes before mushrooms are done, move mushrooms to outer edge of grid. Place patties in center of grid; grill 13 to 15 minutes to medium (160°F) doneness, until not pink in center and juices show no pink color, turning occasionally. Remove; keep warm.

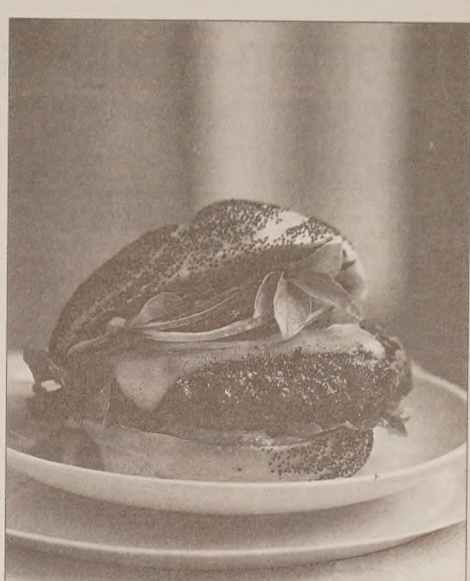
Place bread, cut sides down, on grid. Grill until lightly toasted, about 2 minutes.

Spread sun-dried tomato mayonnaise over cut sides of bread. Line each bottom bread piece with 4 arugula leaves; top with burger, mushroom and 2 tablespoons goat cheese. Close sandwiches.

Total preparation and cooking time: 55 to 60 minutes; makes 4 servings.

*Recipes tested with Colavita Extra Virgin Olive Oil.

All materials courtesy of Cattleman's Beef Board, National Cattleman's Beef Association and Sutter Home Winery.



THESE GOURMET CREATIONS (Napa Valley Basil-Smoked Burger, top, and Tuscan Burger Bruschetta, bottom) from Sutter Home Winery's 'Build A Better Burger' recipe contest will make your taste buds tingle.

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Every year more than 60 million people attend neighborhood garage sales. Americans clean out closets, garages and storage spaces with the same goal in mind: to get rid of unused items and make money. According to the experts at HGTV, 30 percent of the stuff you're planning to sell are things you bought on sale or are old wedding gifts you never opened.

Whether it is clothing, furniture, or toys, there are several things you can do to make your big day run smoothly and end profitably. Beverly DeJulio, host of the PBS series "HandyMa'am," offers some simple tips sure to make your next yard sale a neighborhood success:

Spread the word

Start by placing an ad in the paper mentioning the date, time and full address of your sale. Highlight key items such as a gas grill, kitchen furniture or baby clothing. Garage sale signs are also important. Make them large and visible, placing them in high traffic areas such as your front yard and street corners. Hang flyers on supermarket bulletin boards a week before and alert your neighbors. Remember to take down all signs after the sale is over.

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teries in battery operated items. Tape instructions and owner's manuals to items. Donate leftover items you've spent a lot of time cleaning out your home and don't want to move those items back into the home.

More valuable tips and expert advice can be found on Beverly DeJulio's "HandyMa'am" Web site, www.handymaam.tv and by visiting www.OxiClean.com.

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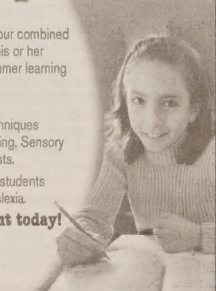
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Due to budget cuts, teachers nationwide spend billions of dollars out of their own pockets, each year, to purchase needed classroom materials - each teacher in the Bay Area will spend an estimated \$458 a year to supply their classroom with necessary tools. The Teachers Supply Closet is an innovative program that enlists the community to help offset educator's personal expenses, as well as provide an opportunity for the community to

say "thank you" for a job well done.

To show their support, Broadway Plaza is offering teachers an Educators Discount Card, which will give educators exclusive year-round perks at Broadway Plaza, such as store discounts, special gifts & more. Anyone employed by a public or private school, from teachers to administrators, is invited to pick up an Educators Discount Card at The Concierge at Broadway Plaza, just by presenting a school ID or paycheck stub.

To further show support for local teachers, Broadway Plaza now offers Teacher Supply Closet Gift Cards. Community members can purchase a

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The Concierge at Broadway Plaza is located at 85 Broadway Lane in Walnut Creek. For more information, call (925) 933-6589 or visit www.BroadwayPlaza.com.



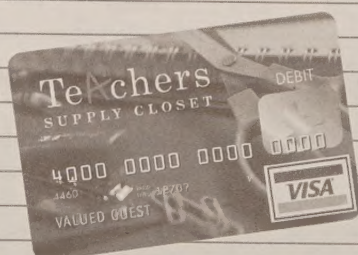
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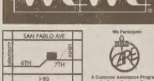
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